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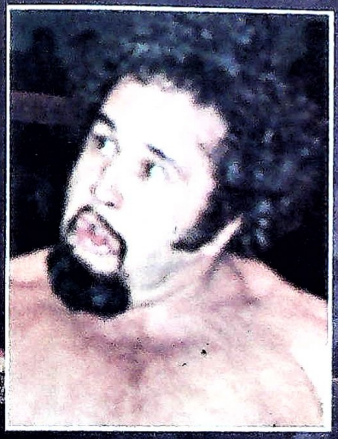

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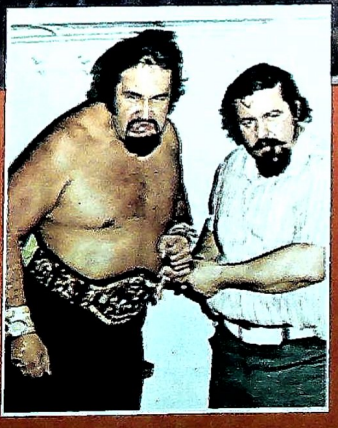

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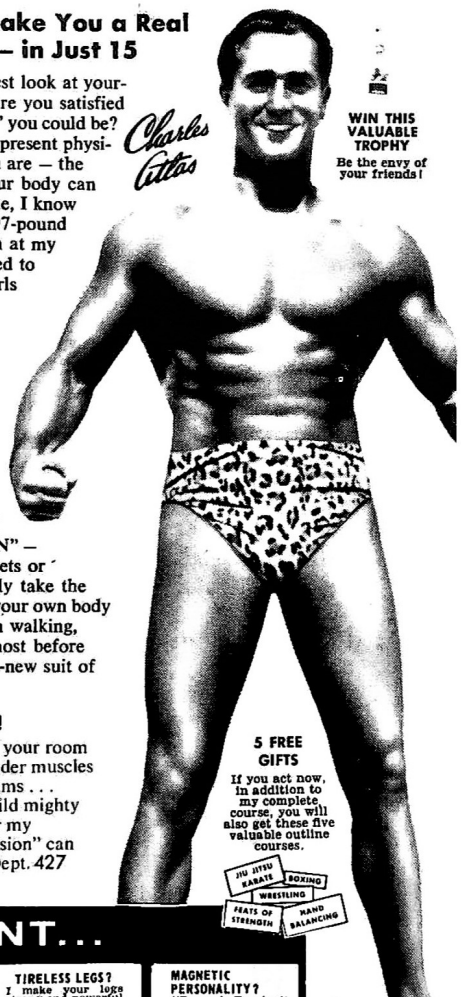

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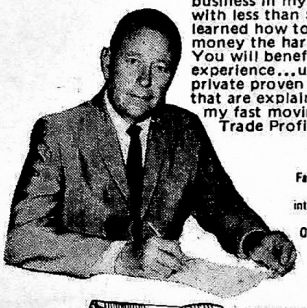

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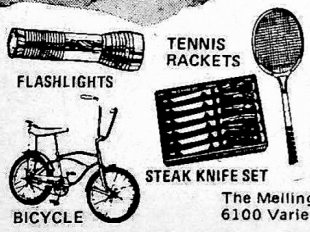

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ONE OF THE MOST BLOOD-SPILLING WRESTLERS AROUND!

by Ronald Dobratz

THE MOST EXCITING, blood-spilling wrestlers around the American Wrestling Alliance cities is the rampaging Crusher. To give a brief resume of some of his more recent matches without mentioning blood or exciting outcomes is impossible.

For instance, one evening in Chicago, Crusher came to ringside after viewing the trouble his new friend Dr. X is having in a tag team match against BlackJack Lanza & BlackJack Mulligan, who were using a foreign object slipped them by Bobby Heenan to turn Dr. X's mask red. Dr. X's partner was the Crusher's good pal, Dick the Bruiser, who couldn't get into the ring to help under the threat of disqualification. When it became apparent that Dr. X was not going to be able to make a tag or fight back, Crusher stormed into the ring with Bruiser to give both BlackJacks a thorough going over as well as bloodying up manager Heenan. Crusher, himself, had appeared before the intermission against the nationally ranked Ray Stevens and earned a win over the blonde San Francisco bomber in easy fashion after Ray had knocked him through the ropes out onto the ring apron. Crusher just grabbed ahold of Stevens, pulled him out also, then rammed his head into the steel pole and while Stevens fell to the floor, Crusher calmly crawled back into the ring where he won the verdict as Ray was counted out.

In Milwaukee, Crusher gave the arrogant Nick Bockwinkel quite a beating much to the delight of the sell-out crowd, and pinned him after ramming him into the turnbuckle, body slamming him to the mat, lifting him up and giving him the famous "Crusher Bolo punch". A week or so later Crusher learned that a match with Bockwinkel can really be dangerous if Ray Stevens is around as Crusher was hit over the head with a chair and counted out in Denver.

A match with "Pretty Boy" Larry Hennig became quite hectic because Hennig was using a foreign object. However, Crusher finally managed to take the object away from Larry, then hit himself a few times to show how rough he is, then proceeded to hit Hennig on the forehead much harder. Hennig, realizing he didn't stand a chance under those circumstances, made a hasty retreat to the dressing room, something many of the Crusher's foes have done over the years.

In a Winnipeg handicap tag match, Crusher took the midget wrestler, Little Bruiser as his partner to meet BlackJack Lanza and Bobby Heenan. It was no handicap to Crusher who concluded the match by tossing Heenan out of the ring where he was injured in the fall and counted out.

Amidst all of the success of Crusher in matches

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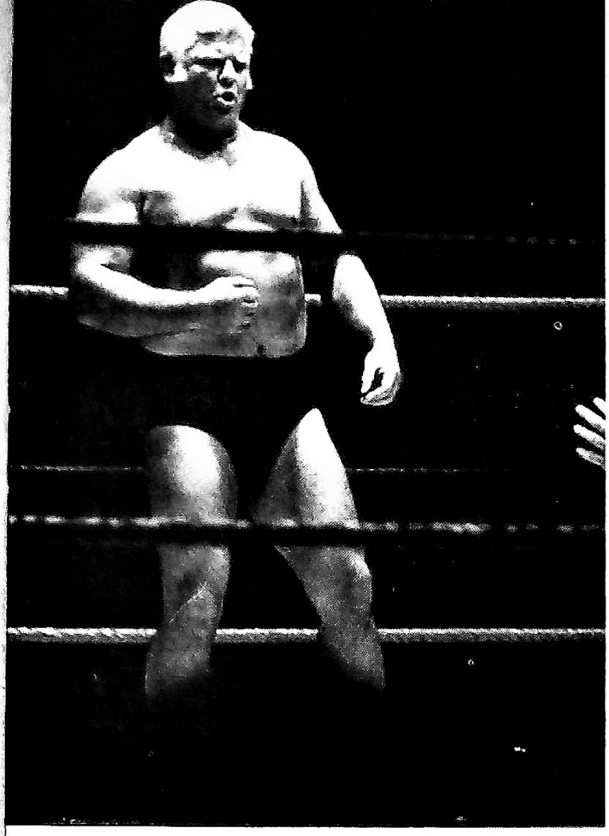
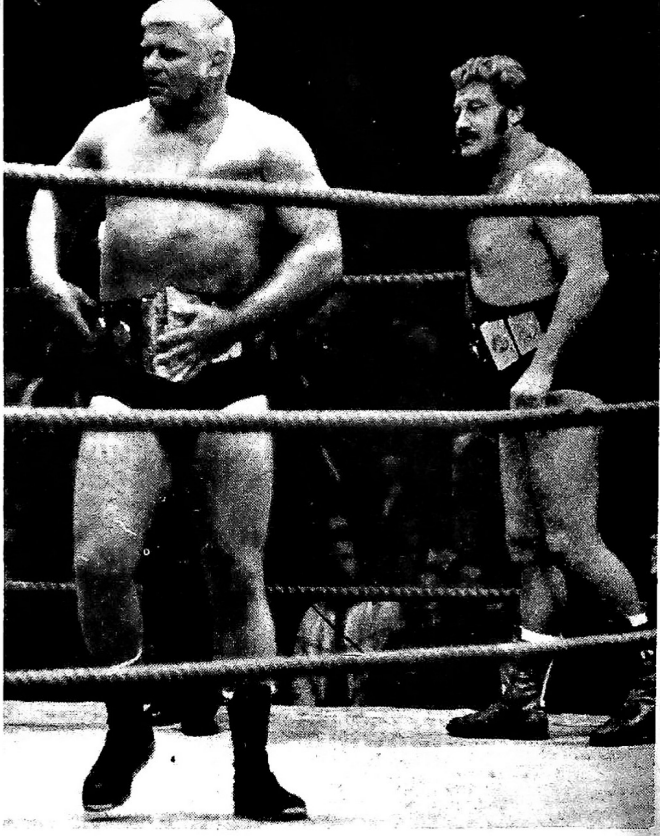


The Crusher warns an opponent to watch himself.



The Crusher and Red Bastien when they were tag team champs – and a popular combo!

Tired after a match, The Crusher is guarded as he returns to his dressingroom.

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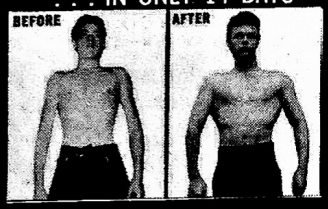

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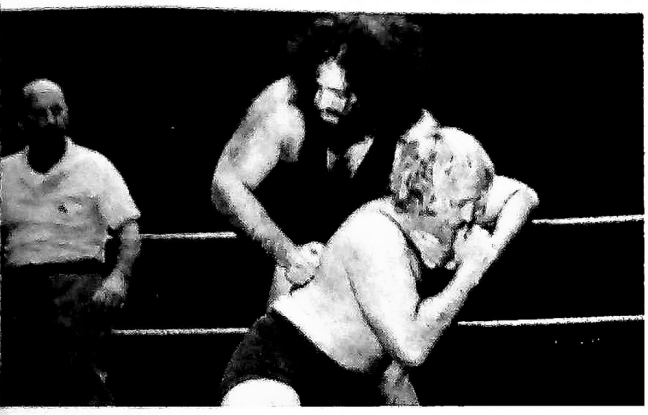
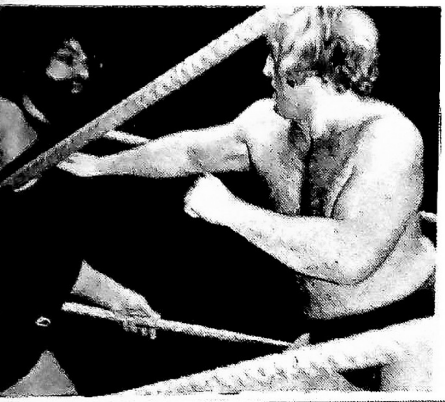
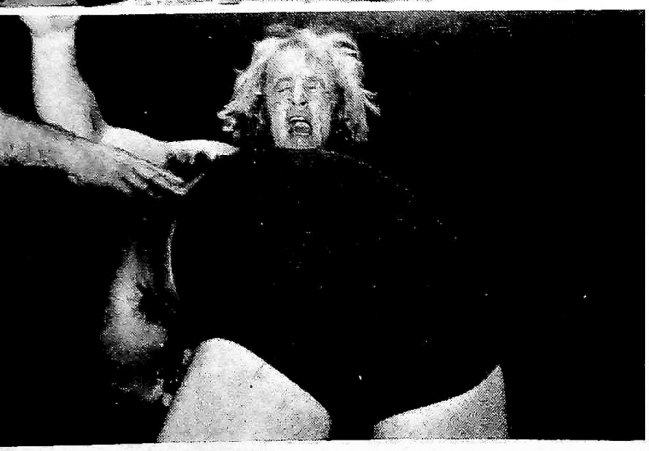


Firpo gives it to Rene Goulet but good!



Here, Goulet returns some of the same.

The look on Goulet's face explains all.



THERE ARE IN professional wrestling wild, vicious, rules-be-damned types of wrestlers. They will do just about anything short of murder to win. Some are: The Sheik, Abdullah the Butcher, Mad Dog Vachon, Bull Curry, Fred Blassie, King Curtis and Pampero Firpo. In fact, they wear this brand like a medal.

For the last fifteen years Pampero Firpo has been one of the top ranking pro grapplers. He has wrestled in just about every corner of the mat world. Promoters from all over try to book him on their wrestling cards.

From Argentina, this wild bull of the pampas has no fear. He wrestles every opponent just like the last one. Attack first and hard, inflict punishment and win. Pampero Firpo believes in this. During a match he usually yells 'Destroy, Murder' and words to that effect, and he tries to follow through on just that.

Never one to have a tag team partner very often because he does not trust anyone else or vice versa, he prefers single bouts. Yet The Sheik has picked him for his regular tag partner. Knowing The Sheik and his methods, Pampero Firpo and he make an awesome team. Birds of a feather as the saying goes.

One wrestler Pampero always feuded with was the great Antonio Rocca. Their feud goes back over a decade. Their matches along the East Coast were some of the most thrilling ever witnessed. Pampero always called Rocca a renegade. Rocca, an Italian raised in Argentina, was a favorite with the fans no matter where he wrestled. This irked Firpo. He considered himself a true Argentinian and Rocca a false one. If Rocca was still an active wrestler their feud would still be raging on today.

Pampero is under six feet in height and between 230 and 235 pounds. His hair is always wild, kinky and unruly, with a beard and mustache. In a match you have to look hard to see his face. He always yells during a bout especially after he is forced to break a hold or stopped from inflicting damage to an opponent. The referee always has his hands full when

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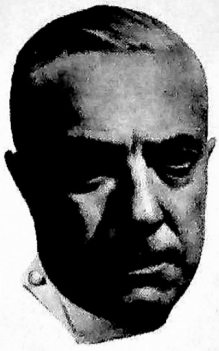

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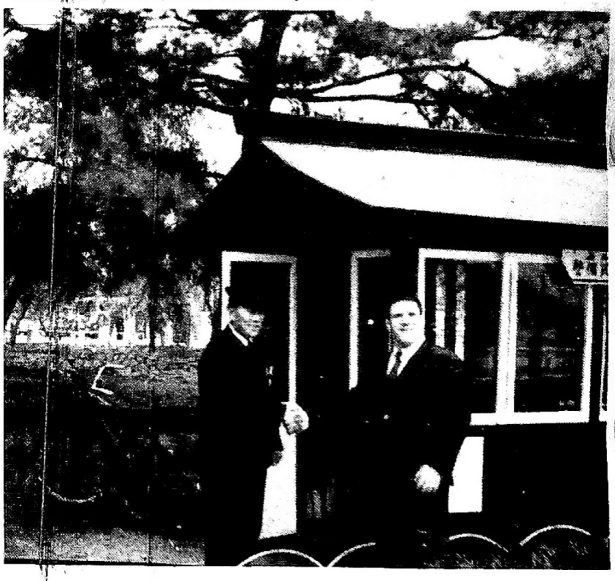

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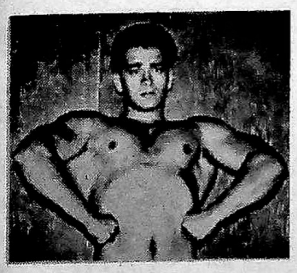

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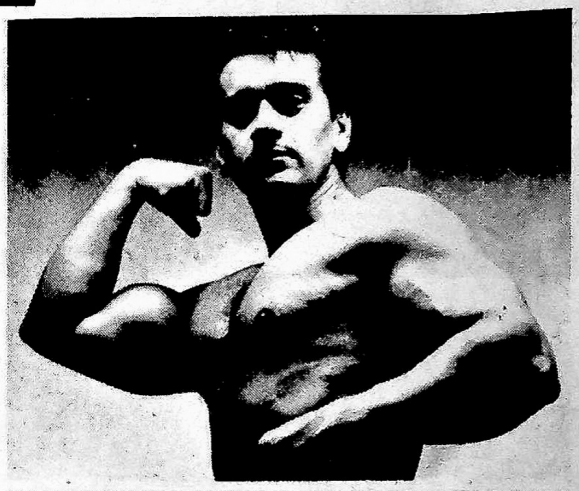

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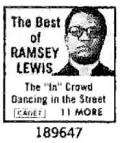

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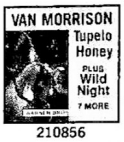

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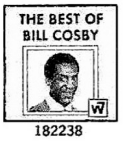

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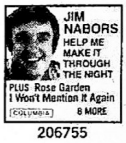

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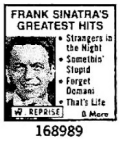

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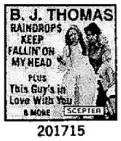

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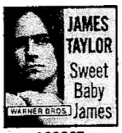

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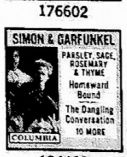

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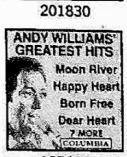

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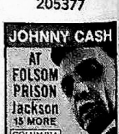

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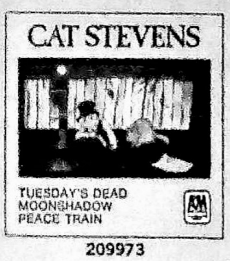

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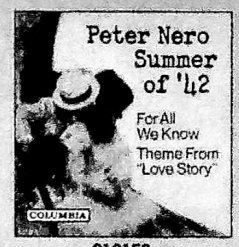

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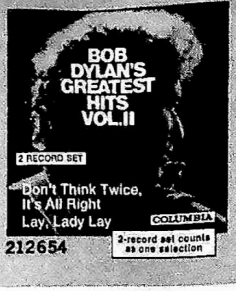

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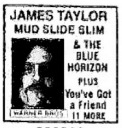

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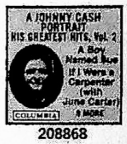

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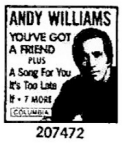

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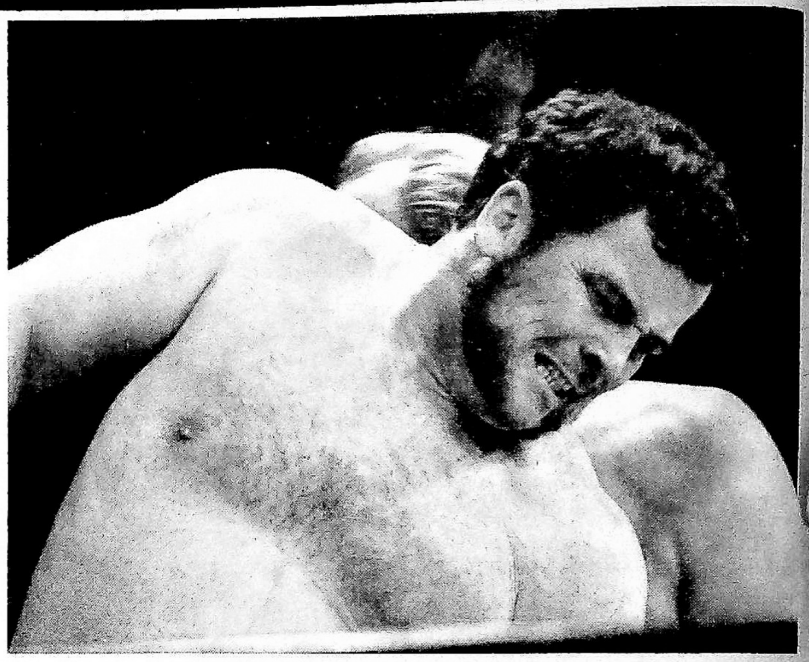

Pat Patterson, a top West Coast grappler.

Pat Barrett — another popular grappler.

LEADERS OF "The West Coast Scene" may be a bit interested to know that Pat Patterson now holds the United States Heavyweight Wrestling Championship, after defeating Rocky "Soulman" Johnson, the former champ, before approximately 8,800 fans at a recent Cow Palace wrestling card.

The two collided in what was known as a "no stopping for blood" match, a match in which no matter how cut or bloody one or both participants may be, the bout will continue.

This, of course, is a very dangerous match, particularly when considering the fact neither Johnson nor Patterson has a particular love for each other.

"I'm so positive that I'll beat Johnson," Patterson informed all who listened in to the local television matches, "that I'm going to put that night's wages on the line. If Johnson manages to get his 'Boston Crab' on me, I'll give up my purse."

Perhaps the Canadian shouldn't have made such a statement. He lost the second fall by submitting to the "soulman," thus his entire purse

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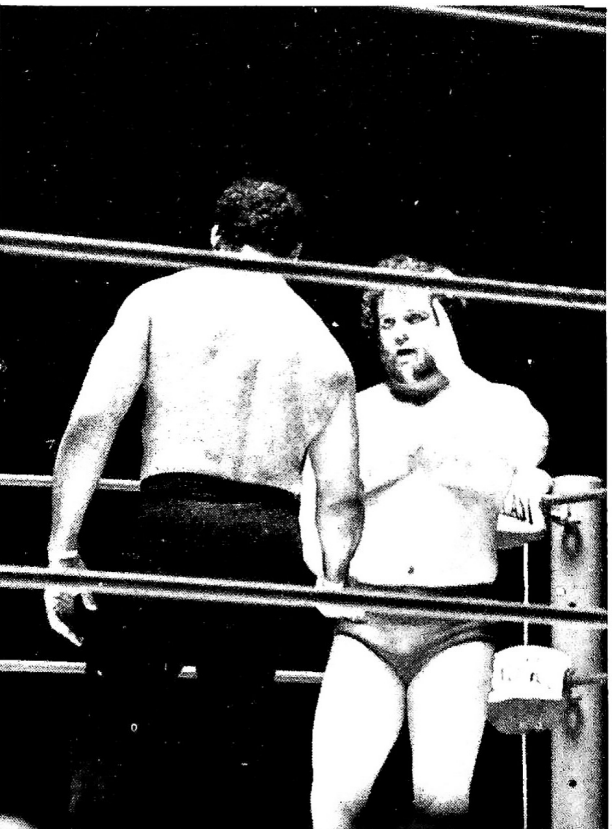
THE WEST COAST SCENE!

What You Want To Know

Killer Kowalski towers over most of his opponents.

Ciclon Negro against Pat Barrett this time.



ANYONE WITH questions please write to me at home – Mrs. Georgiann Orsi – 23-44 30th Drive, Astoria, N.Y. 11102. If your question requires a personal answer, please *don't* forget a stamped self-addressed envelope. If you want to write to any wrestler, commissioner or promoter on the East Coast send their letters to me, I will see they receive them.

First I want to apologize to Handsome Jim Valiant for listing his wrong birthday. Jim's Birthday is August 6th not January. Also there was a typographical error on Beautiful Bobby's birthday, it is January 22nd. Here are a few more birthdays – Eddie Sullivan, June 8th – Farmer Jerome (Midget), July 2nd – Rip Tyler, September 28th.

I want to thank Michael W. Arndt of 190-08 89 Avenue, Hollis, N.Y. 11423 for a copy of the petition to Edwin Dooley, N.Y.S. Athletic Commissioner, to help promote getting women and masked wrestlers in New York. The women wrestlers are going to court here soon and I'm sure that they *will* win their case, and be wrestling here before too long. They won in Canada.

Vivian Vachon was on Marv Albert Sports Hour radio show WNBC answering questions from fans who called in. Marv seems to think Vivian has a

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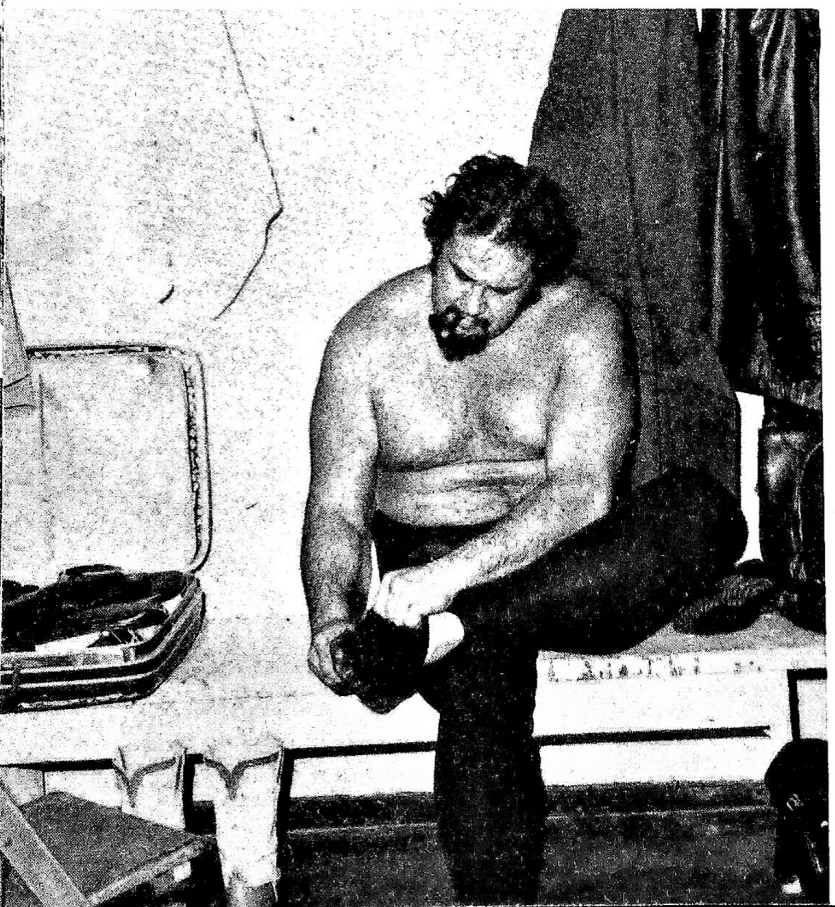
King Curtis:

"NOBODY'S GOING TO STOP ME!"

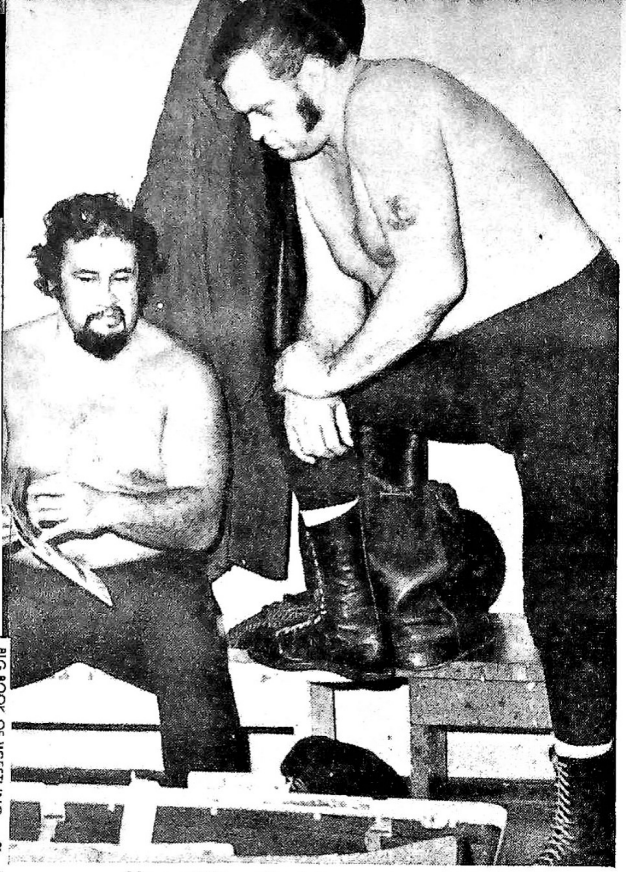
by Frank Waine



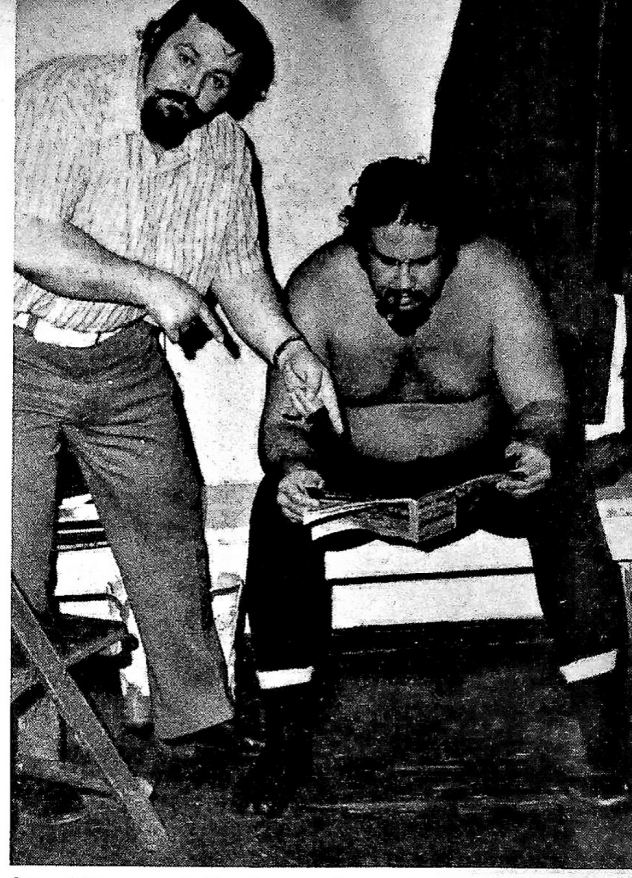
King Curtis gets ready for a recent match.

LOU ALBANO WAS waiting outside the dressing room, puffing on his expensive cigar, as I approached him. We had set up this interview earlier in the day. Lou motioned for me to wait as he entered the dressing room. He emerged shortly explaining that he wanted to make sure King Curtis was not sleeping. He wasn't. We entered, Lou going in first.

King Curtis was sitting in a chair, looking down at the floor, twisting his head like someone who had a stiff neck. He was wearing his black wrestling tights. When he saw Lou he smiled but when he laid his eyes upon me the smile vanished. He jumped from the chair, he arched his back, his eyes took on a wild bulging look, his mouth twisted in a snarl, his arms raised above his head, set for an attack. I shrank back, behind

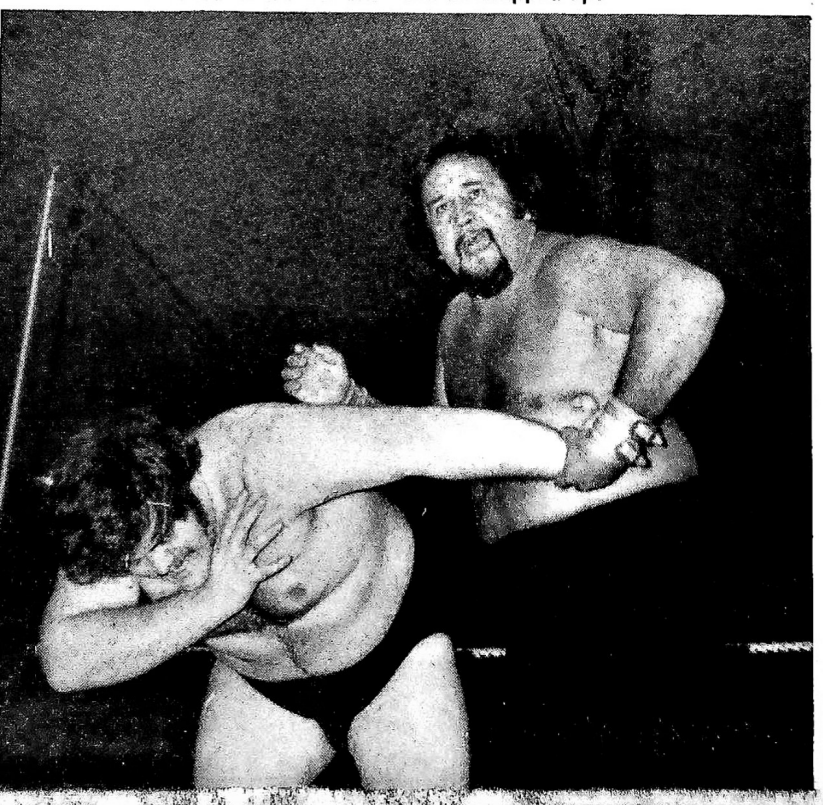


He and Stan Stasiak pour over BIG BOOK.



Lou Albano and Curtis examine our companion mag, OFFICIAL WRESTLING GUIDE. Lou's pleased!

Curtis has newcomer Joe Nova all wrapped up!

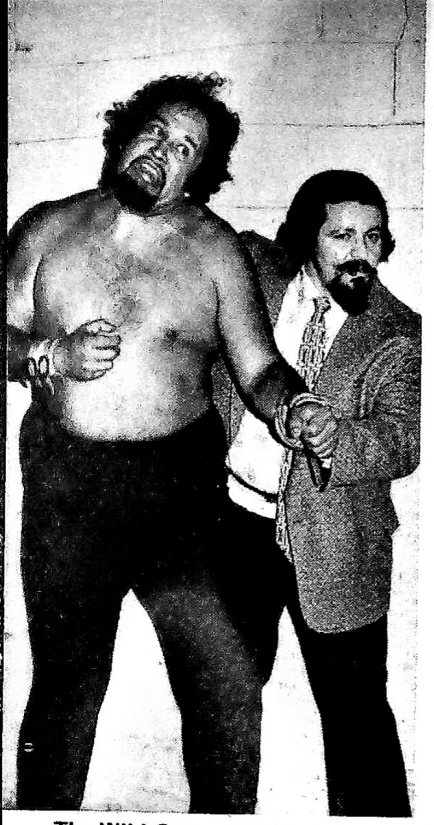


Lou.

Lou Albano rushed to King Curtis. Lou placed his hands on the leather harness' that were strapped to the wrists of Curtis. As he did this King Curtis calmed down immediately. Lou whispered softly into the ear of Curtis. He sat down. Lou came over to me and apologetically he said, "Sorry that happened. He is very suspicious of strangers. He thought you were here to harm him."

Lou decided that he would answer any questions concerning King Curtis and tell me his story. I found that King Curtis will not talk to anyone but Lou Albano. He distrusts everyone.

King Curtis originally comes from Hawaii, from the island of Mauii, where he was born 32 years ago. Eldest of four sons, his father being the king of the island, Curtis



The Wild One – and his manager at Madison S.G.

was next in line of succession to the throne. Of course this made him a Prince. Curtis grew up on the island and was always big for his age. He now is 300 pounds and is 6' 4" in height. Even as a much younger man and teenager he weighed around 300 pounds.

Lou Albano explained he first met King Curtis twelve years ago in Mauii while on vacation. He first set eyes on him while Curtis was wrestling on the beach with several others from the island and handled them all easily. Right then Lou realized that this giant of a man belonged in the wrestling ring. It took Lou quite some explaining to convince young Curtis what lay in store for him if he became a professional wrestler. Not only the rewards but the pitfalls. Young Prince Curtis liked the idea of becoming a wrestler. To get paid for doing something he did just about everyday of his life, in sport.

So young Prince Curtis left the island with Lou Albano. Lou saw to it that Prince Curtis received the best instructions. In good hands Lou went on his own to continue his own wrestling career. They both promised to meet again someday.

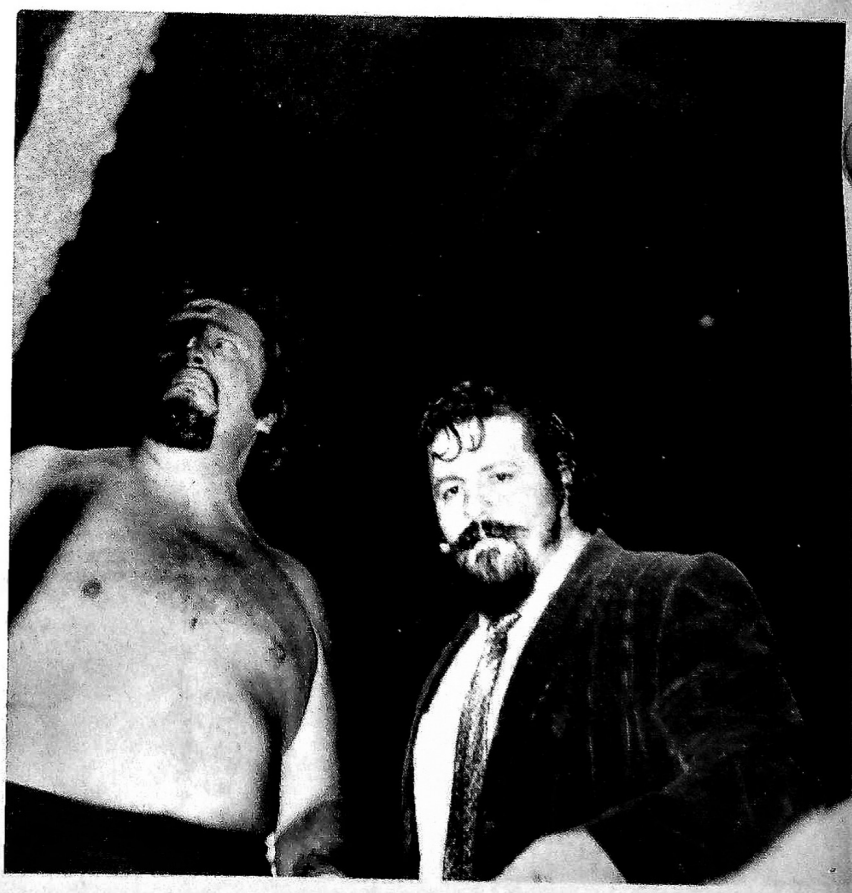
As the years past by Prince Curtis found wrestling to his liking. He quickly became a top wrestling star. He won much more than he ever lost. In fact most of his losses came by way of disqualification. Every corner of the United States has seen King Curtis wrestle. His opponents, many of them, were left battered and bloody, in his wake.

At different times King Curtis would go back to Hawaii. Sometimes to visit and other times to wrestle. On two occasions he had held the Hawaiian Heavyweight Championship. He has also held the Oriental Championship and the All-Asian Championship. The title he wants most of all is the World Championship.

Lou explained that King Curtis has never been seriously injured in a match. Sure he has been bloodied up some but being always in perfect condition he bounced back quickly. King Curtis has never met the wrestler yet who can seriously hurt him. He considers no one tougher than he is.

A few months ago King Curtis was in California under the care of a famed physiologist. Lou Albano was sent for. There the physiologist informed Lou that King Curtis was beyond control. In the ring he

Here they are, inside the ring!



Curtis growls at our terrified fotog.

could kill someone. He needed someone he could trust. King Curtis always mentioned Lou's name. Lou decided to take King Curtis in his stable of wrestlers and watch over him.

The physiologist thought up the leather wrist harness. On them are metal studs. With the right amount of pressure Lou Albano can control the wildness of King Curtis. Lou says, "It is the only way I can control him. If those leather wrist harness' ever come off his wrists in a match heaven help his opponent. I have all I can do to control him with them on. Without them I take no responsibility for what he might do."

Lou also states, "King Curtis is the most unpredictable wrestler I have ever managed. Even more than Crazy Luke Graham. King Curtis is more vicious."

King Curtis prefers single bouts as just about every wrestler does but he does not mind teaming up with another wrestler. Yet it must be someone he trusts. Lou Albano also took under his guidance Baron Mikel Scicluna and King Curtis took an immediate liking to him.

Their first time out as a tag team was a momentous one. On TV they went after the WWWF World Tag Team Championship against Karl Gotch and Rene Goulet. In one of the wildest matches ever witnessed on TV, Curtis and Scicluna emerged the new tag champs.

Once again Lou Albano had tag team champions. He earlier had Luke Graham and Tarzan Tyler as champions and they lost to Gotch and Goulet. Lou vowed revenge. He got it. Lou says, "In King Curtis and Baron Scicluna I have the greatest tag team ever. They will go beyond Tyler and Graham as champions. There is no tag team equal to them. Either one can be World Champion. Under me I will see to it they get their chance."

Already King Curtis has cut through his opponents in his quest for the title. He holds victories over Gorilla Monsoon, Chief Strongbow, Rene Goulet. In these bouts King Curtis even used foreign objects such as a chain, pen and hard sharp objects. This of course is denied by Lou Albano. "King Curtis needs nothing but his own two hands to win. These accusations are all false. Started by his yellow opponents."

King Curtis wants the title and will stop at nothing to gain that goal. Lou Albano will make sure he does. . . .

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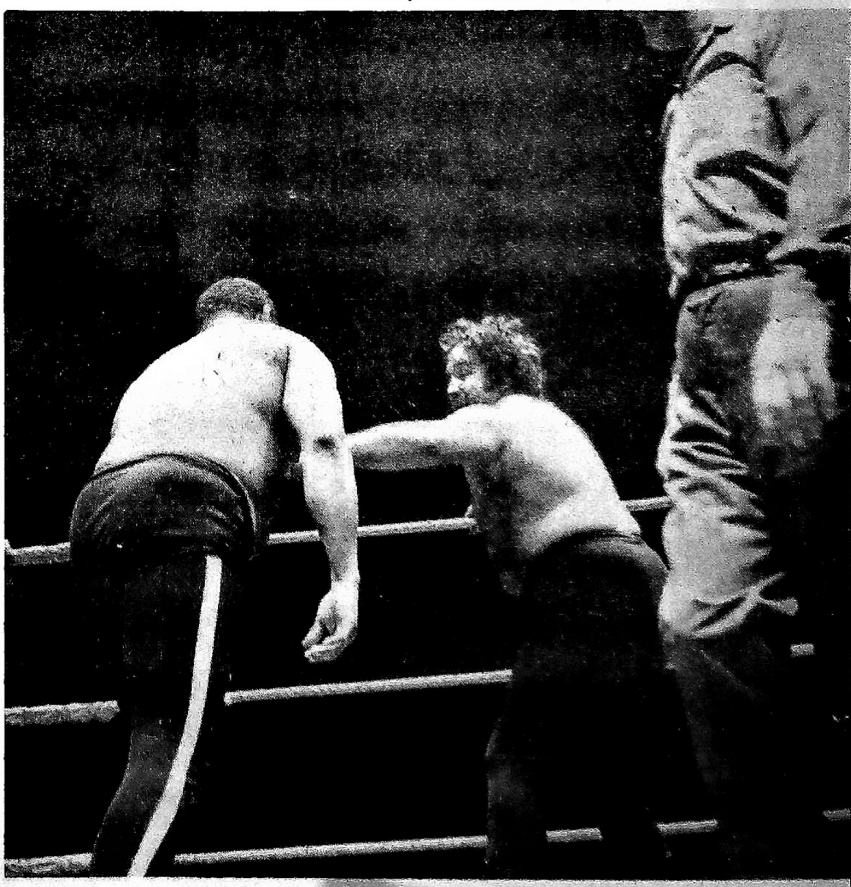
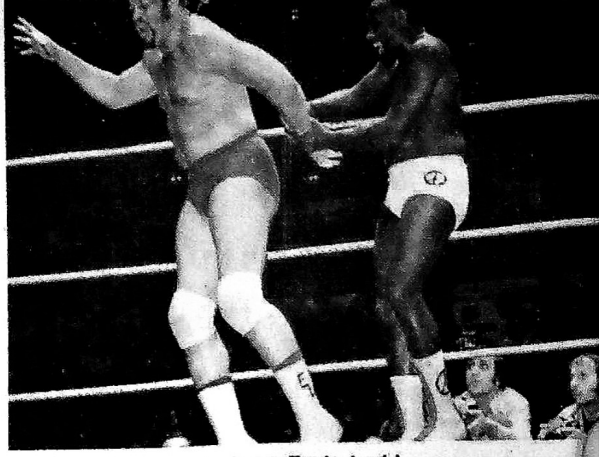
He hammers away at Tomas Marin.



Sonny poses for our fotog.



Sonny winds up Ernie Ladd.

HE IS WITH IT, as the saying goes. He is now. Today. That is Sonny King. Wrestling's newest black sensation. The fans have taken to him like bees to honey. They call him 'Showboat', affectionately. Why? Very simple. It is something that Sonny does as he enters the ring. He performs this gliding movement with his body and then with a kind of wiggle in slow motion he walks around the ring. It reminds this reporter of a loose rubberband doing a slow Bugaloo. The fans just eat this up.

Sonny stands 6' 4" tall, weighs in at 245 pounds, and is 27 years of age. Married, he settles in Roseville, Ontario, Canada. Sonny was born in Freeport, Grand Bahamas. He attended Xavier College in New Orleans, Louisiana. There he played football, his position was Defensive Back.

Sonny was always sports minded and at the tender age of ten he took up boxing. For the next thirteen years this was his sport. He first became an amateur boxer then when he was old enough he turned professional. To earn a living he had other odd jobs but he kept at boxing.

It was a little over three years ago that Sonny took an interest in wrestling. First as a spectator. When he

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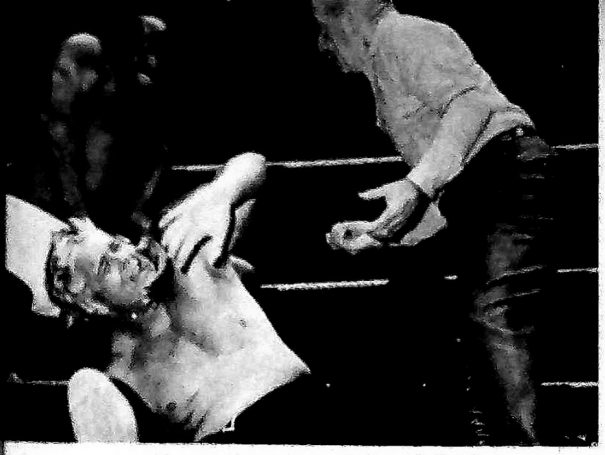
Sonny "Showboat" King:



Here he's really got Jim Valiant.

found how much a top wrestler can make he decided that was the sport for him. As Sonny puts it, "I had done just about everything else so why not wrestling." So he learned this fine art of wrestling, in Detroit, Michigan. His first pro bout was in Montreal, Canada.

In his three years as a professional wrestler Sonny has been to the Southern area, Canada, Detroit and now the east coast. It was while he was campaigning in Florida that Sonny managed to get a crack at Dory Funk Jr the NWA Heavyweight Champion. This was in the summer of 1971.

Sonny remembers that match quite well. He says, "Dory is a fine wrestler. He is fast, strong and knows his way in that ring. He beat me that is for sure but it was my inexperience that beat me. I think in a year or two at the most, things will be different. Not only against someone like Funk but anyone. It was my inexperience. After four to six years you make it in wrestling or you don't. If you're not a top star by then forget it."

Sonny explained that the match against Funk Jr. was his toughest bout so far. It also was his longest

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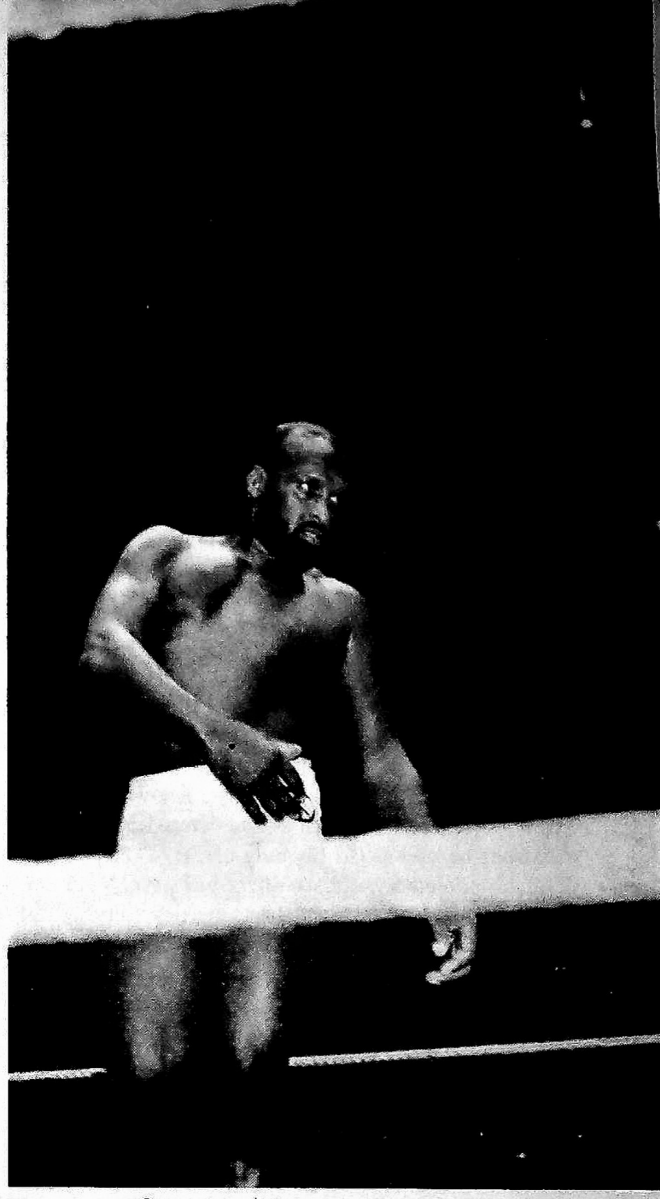


Sonny's stalking an opponent.

HE'S WHAT'S HAPPENING!

Killer Kowalski: "MY BUSINESS IS TO WIN... ANY WAY I CAN!"

Story and photos by George Napolitano

IF ONE WERE to name the ten top wrestlers ever to appear in a wrestling ring, the name Wladek "Killer" Kowalski would certainly rate among the top of these elite group. The Killer has been wrestling professionally for a little over twenty years and has been a top attraction since he broke into the sport. His mean, cruel and vicious style of wrestling, a style which Kowalski describes as "relentless", has made him one of the most feared men in the ring.

"Once inside the ring, I am all business," Kowalski stated, "and my business is to win, any way I can, as quickly as I can." The Killer has often accomplished just what he claims. In his long career, Killer Kowalski has maimed several wrestlers but never with this intention in mind. All of these injuries came about through Killer Kowalski's intense desire to win in "any way" he can.

One of the most publicized instances surrounding Killer Kowalski was the night in 1954 when Killer, using his flying knee drop, jumped from the top rope and came down on the late Yukon Eric with such a force that he severed Eric's ear. Even today, Kowalski is one of the most feared men in the ring. He is currently the American Champion in California having defeated Cowboy Frankie Lane for this honor and he is defending this title against all of the top talent on the West Coast.

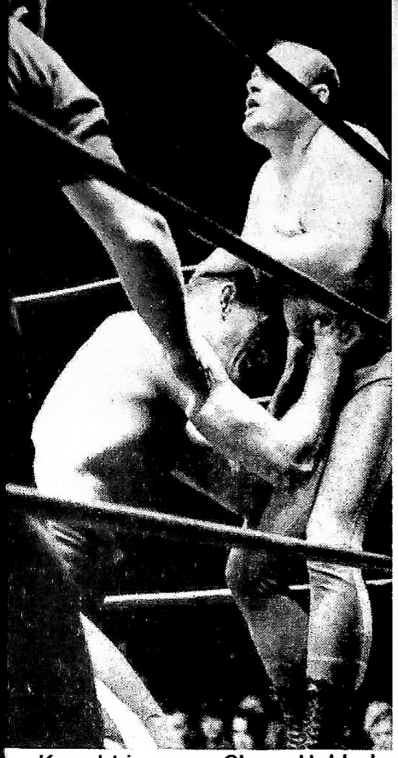
Killer, in his long career, has wrestled in every major wrestling area in the United States plus many countries in Europe and the Far East. He is constantly on the move and his many travels point to this fact. "I'm what they call a rolling stone," Kowalski stated, "as soon as I get in one place for any length of time I want to move again. I like to go and find out what the world has to offer while I'm still able to. What better opportunity can a man have than to have a reputable promoter call him up from some place in Europe or Japan or the Orient and say 'Come on down, we'd like to use you for a few months.' All expenses are paid and a ticket is sent to me. You see the world and you meet people. It's the people that make up a country. There's no better way to learn about the customs, habits and traditions of a country than by meeting people that comprise a country."

Many people just think of Kowalski as the mean, cruel and relentless wrestler that he is inside the ring. However, Kowalski has a Dr. Jekyl – Mr. Hyde personality. Once outside the ring, Kowalski is the most mild mannered, soft spoken, articulate person anyone would want to meet. He acquired these manners through his many travels throughout the world.

"The best education I ever received was through my travels", Kowalski stated. "You'd be surprised at all the people that come and talk to me and you would be amazed at all the different subjects that I could talk about owing to these travels. When you travel you see more geography than the average person would ever study in school. All of my knowledge is derived from personal experiences that I have acquired throughout the years by my travels".

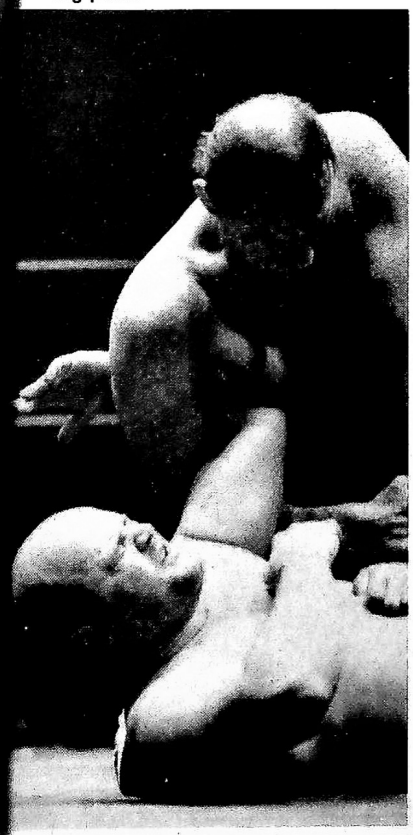
In the last year alone Killer Kowalski had traveled more miles and seen more countries than the average wrestler would in a lifetime. "I was down Texas way a year or so ago but I only stayed there for a while as I was awaiting the start of a big tour. I only traveled to Texas to let everyone know that I'm still around but then I quickly departed. From there I went to Australia where I stayed for five months. Leaving Australia I traveled to Indonesia, Malasia, Singapore and on to Hong Kong before my stopover in Japan.

"In Japan, I met the best that Japan has to offer and when I say the best I mean some real good men. People often say, aren't the Japanese a small race? Well, they have some real big men. Take the Giant Baba for example. He stands 6' 9" and he has hands like Tennis rackets. When Baba wacks you to the side of the head, he almost rolls your whole head off. He tips the scales somewhere around 340 pounds. I'm 6'7" myself and I have to reach up to go against Baba.



Kowalski uses Claw Hold he learned during one of his many trips to Japan.

Another shot of that dangerous Claw Hold, applied with excruciating pain!



"Some Asian guys were very difficult to take off their feet and it was their contention that if you get enough weight on your body and you are able to use this weight to your advantage then you would be difficult to defeat. If a man is constantly on his feet and you can't move him around, before long if you try to move this unmoveable object you become very tired out. If you can't get a man off his feet then you can't pin him or work effectively against him."

Killer Kowalski has learned something from every country which he has visited during his wrestling career. He always returns to America with a new hold or a new outlook on life, and he is very grateful for this knowledge. "I have always learned something in every country I have visited," Kowalski states. "When I was in South Africa I met some really good men. Men that just never seem to leave the South African area. They wait there for other good men to come, then they test them out. They have no intention of traveling out of their country or around the world. They are content with their way of life. I was amazed at the ability that some of them possessed. They could move and do all of the things that I could do plus they even knew things that I didn't know. I worked out with them and I learned from them."

In his many travels, Killer Kowalski has come across many men who could be big stars here in America and when asked if he ever thought of bringing any of these stars to America, Kowalski replied, "Yes, I did. In fact I talked to one of them who I thought was exceptionally good, Yvon Wilkens, the champion in South Africa. I asked him if he would like to come to America but he told me that he was secure for life in his country. He's got a good job with a big company and he's well taken care of and highly regarded and respected in his country. He felt

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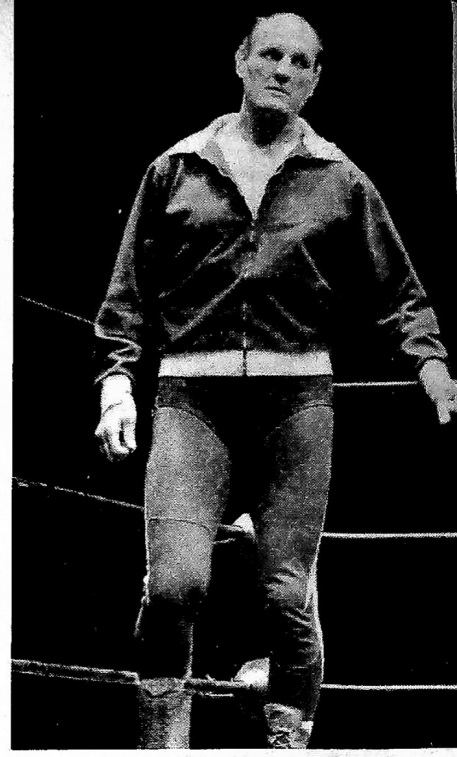
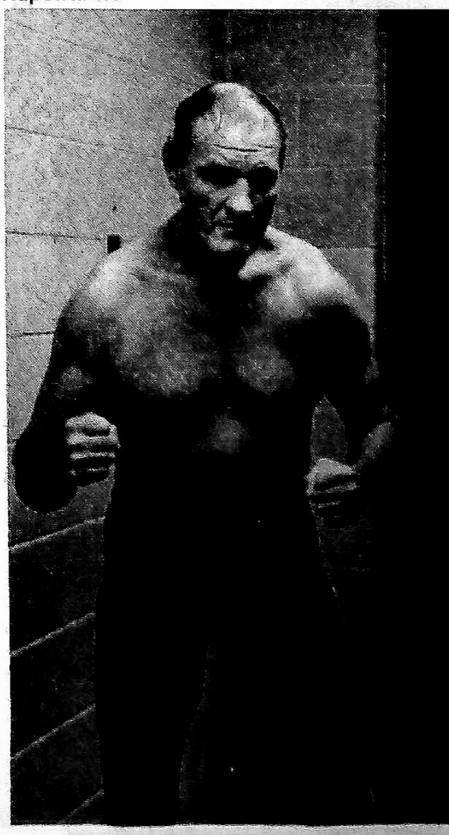


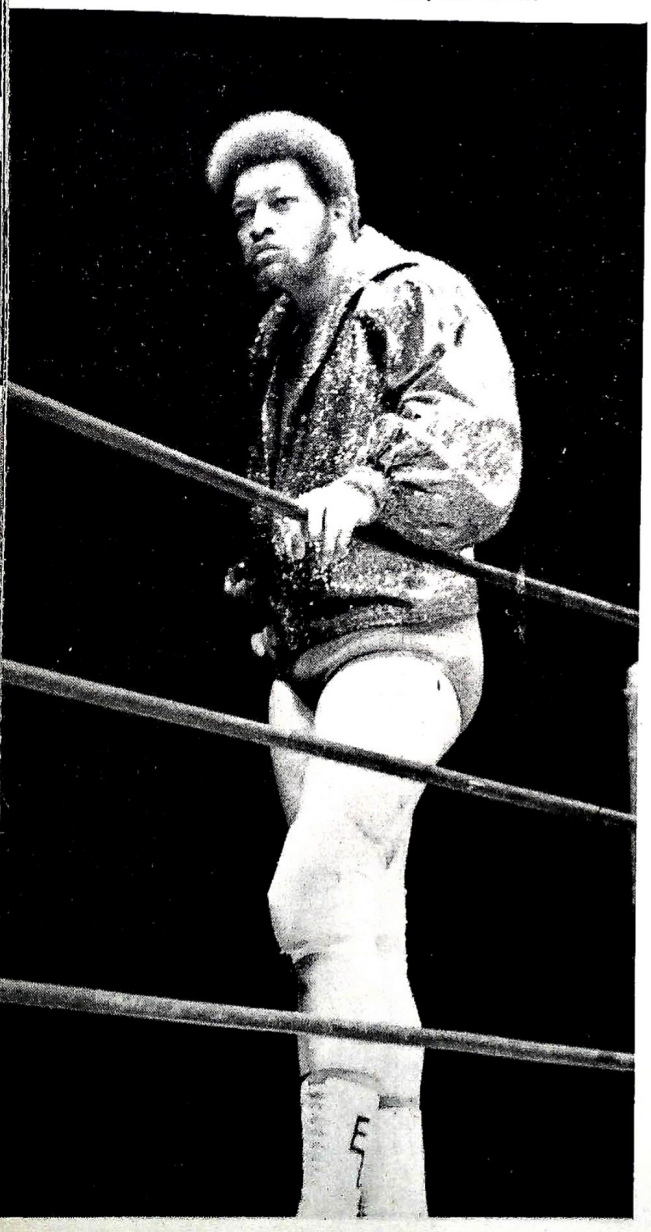
Here he is, confident as ever, before a recent match at Cobo Arena.

Kowalaski poses in dressing room for our photographer, George Napolitano.

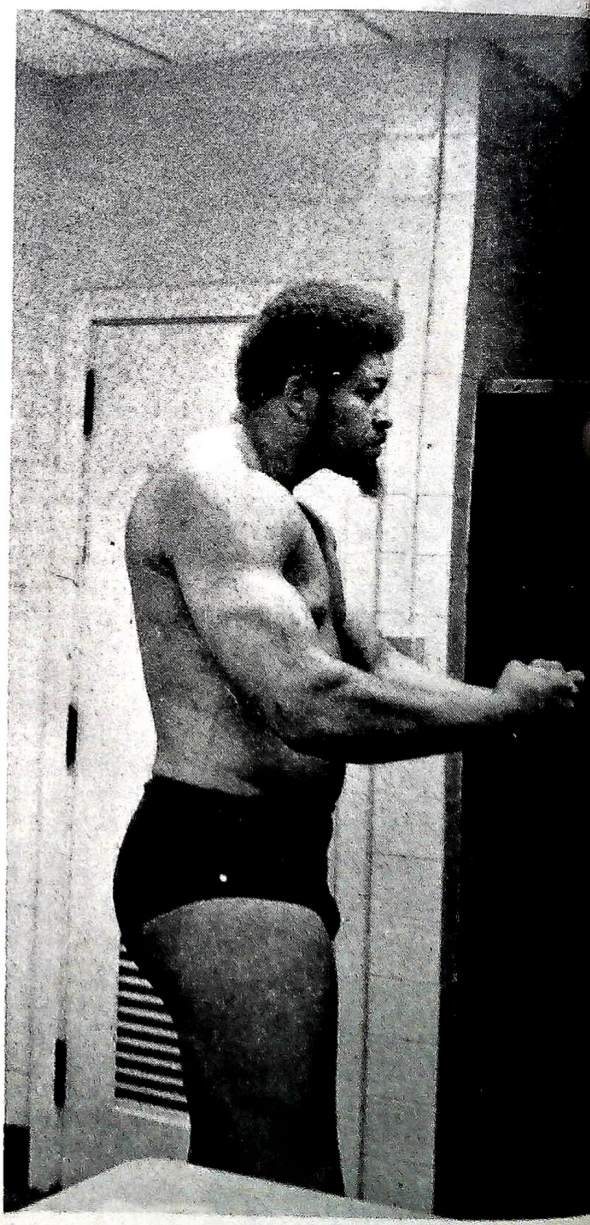


Ernie Ladd: DON'T DARE CROSS THIS CAT'S PATH!

Ernie glowers at nearby audience.



A display of sheer muscle-power.



Here he's begging Fred Curry for mercy.

ONE OF THE meanest, cruelest and most vicious wrestlers in the wrestling profession is 6' 9", 325 pound Ernie "The Cat" Ladd. Ladd, a giant in the ring, towers over his opponents, and his enormous strength acquired through years of playing professional football has carried him up the ladder to the top of the heavyweight ranks.

Ernie Ladd, prior to persuing a wrestling career, was a bruising defensive tackle for the San Diego Chargers, Houston Oilers and the Kansas City Chiefs. It was while playing professional football that Ernie Ladd acquired his ferocious style that has made him one of the most feared men in the sport.

The big "Cat", always knocks his opponents off their feet after he comes barreling off the ropes to subdue them with his devastating tackle. This is the same move that helped Ladd break up many a play on the football field when Ladd was a star defensive tackle.

Prior to 1968, Ladd had wrestled for several years once the football season was completed. After the '68 football season, however, Ladd had to undergo knee surgery to correct an injury which he had incured on the football field. Ladd recovered quickly but not fast enough for him to return to the professional camp the following year. Ladd, not one to sit idle, decided that he would test his knee in the ring. "I wanted to see how the knee would hold up in the ring," Ladd stated, "and I also wanted to see if I could survive without football. Football was my first love but I knew that there was a lot of bread to be made in wrestling and I just wanted to prove to myself and the world that I could excell in both sports."

Ladd's knee held up fantastic under the strain of the ring. The "Cat" soundly defeated all of the wrestlers that were set in his path. One by one they all fell victim to Ladd's onslaught. However, it was a hard climb to the top according to Ladd. "At first they weren't giving me any good matches," Ladd angrily recalled, "after I destroyed a whole bunch of dudes, I finally started getting some of the top matches that I deserved. One by one, I destroyed everyone that was put in my path. Once I had run out of opponents to cripple, I finally got my chance against the ex-champ, Bruno Sammartino at the old Garden. I had him beat bad!

"He was hurting as I kept clawing away. The referee, feeling sorry for the poor helpless dude disqualified me before I was able to put him away for good. You know, that no good Sammartino was so scared of me that he never gave me another chance at the title. If it wasn't for that prejudiced referee that night I would have been the champion and today I would still be the champion, for there is no one in the same class as the great Ernie Ladd!"

At the present time, the "Cat" is engaged in a raging feud with the U.S. Champion Bobo Brazil. Ladd has no kind words to say about Brazil. "That coconut head is scared of me, the great Ernie Ladd. He's a cinderella champion and there ain't no way that he could beat me even on his best day," Ladd has openly challanged Brazil but according to Ladd, Brazil has refused to put his title on the line against him. "Brazil has been coasting along on his reputation. Since he wants to keep that belt, Coconut head hasn't defended it against anyone of worth. When I eventually get my chance and I know I deserve one, I will put that no good Brazil out of commission once and for all."

Ernie Ladd is one of the most traveled wrestlers in the sport. He has wrestled in every major wrestling area in the U.S. and he has also appeared in Japan and Australia. Wherever he goes, fans are amazed at the speed and ability which this giant possesses. One can see Ladd wrestling in any number of cities in the same week.

Prior to the "Cat's" recent appearance in New York's Madison Square Garden, Ladd had wrestled in St. Louis, Texas, Detroit and Buffalo in the same week. As of late, Ladd has been making his presence felt in several W.W.W.F. cities. When asked about these visits East, Ladd replied, "I want a crack at Morales. I have been coming East to make him aware that the big Cat is on his trail.

"It won't be long before our paths cross and when they do, he won't come out alive. I will be the new champion. I deserve to be champion as I am definitely the more superior wrestler. You wait and see, the big Cat is on his trail and there ain't no way he's gonna get away!"

Ernie "The Cat" Ladd is determined to wipe out all of the wrestlers that stand in his way. Don't dare cross "The Cat's" path, or you may never be the same again.

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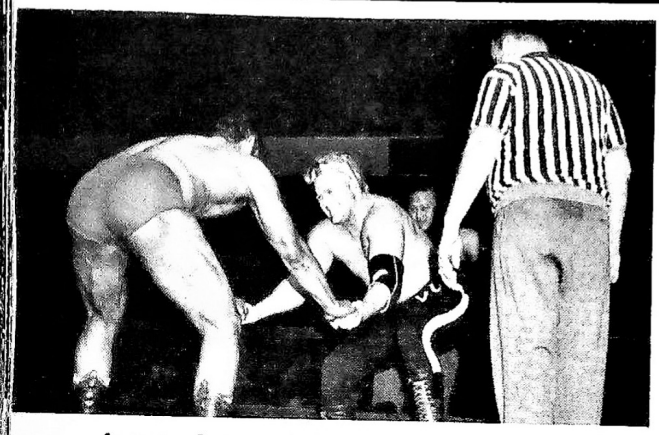
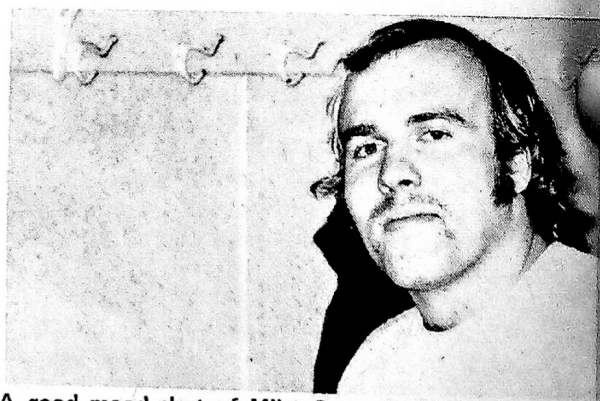
ROAMIN' AROUND WITH RONALD



A test of strength between Victor Rivera and Jim Valiant as Toro Tanaka watches.

The Russians congratulate one another over a recent match victory.

Miquel Feliciani and Al Coco pose for BIG BOOK photographer in dressingroom.



A good mood shot of Mike Conrad taken before a bout with popular Joe Nova.

I'VE BEEN WATCHING crowds in excess of 3,000 create sell-outs at Boylan H.S. gym in Rockford, and at Chicago's International Amphitheatre they have been turning away people after selling more than 12,000 tickets. And from what I have heard and read, the popularity of professional wrestling is at an all-time high, creating record attendances in New York, Los Angeles and many places in between. One reason for the great interest and turnouts are some highly exciting and intensive feuds carried on throughout the circuits and major wrestling centers. I thought we might look at some of these in this month's column.

The arrogant Californians, Nick Bockwinkel & Ray Stevens can raise the blood pressure of American Wrestling Alliance fans like no other area wrestlers and are feuding with all of the top popular stars. Since winning the AWA tag team title from The

Rene Goulet accepts trophy as Russians' manager Nikita Mulkovich makes faces.

Another shot of Jim Valiant. He really likes to see himself in a magazine!

Crusher & Red Bastien, their wildest single bouts have been with the rough-and-tumble Crusher, who will use popcorn or anything else to gouge eyes and retaliate for their illegal tactics in attempting to set them up for his finisher, the bolo punch . . . Big, bearded Ivan Koloff and his manager the Big K (Krusher Kovacs) have heated feuds going with Don Muraco and Billy Robinson both flamed by television action. Koloff boasted he could beat Muraco, the circuit's top young wrestler, twice within 15 minutes. After winning the first fall Muraco surprised Ivan, catching him in an airplane spin, which knocked the referee, George Gadaski down when struck by the spinning Russian. The Big K grabbed Gadaski and pulled him out of the ring and kept him from seeing that his wrestler was being pinned by Muraco. After Don got up to see what had happened he was clobbered by Koloff and pinned . . . This sneak attack was nothing compared to the one they engineered on Billy Robinson who was then scheduled for the TV encounter designed to humble Koloff as he had BlackJack Lanza and Kobayashi last summer. After Robinson appeared in the ring, Koloff entered with his arm in a sling and Big K came in with a "doctor's excuse" as they begged off. As the angry Robinson was leaving the ring after vehemently protesting that the match should go on since there was nothing wrong with the arm, Robinson was worked over by both K & Koloff, for the most part with Ivan's sling wrapped around his neck. The beating didn't end until Robinson had his head split open . . . The reformed masked man, Dr. X, still feuding with tag partners Larry "Pretty Boy" Henning and "Luscious" Lars Anderson, who on several occasions used brass knuckles or other foreign objects to beat the good doctor . . . Although not truly considered AWA wrestlers, BlackJack Lanza and BlackJack Mulligan cause record crowds hoping to see them and manager Bobby Heenan beaten to a pulp. Often times the fans are disappointed as the BlackJacks are able to gang up on an opponent and distract the referee, to gain victory. Rumor has it that following a recent Chicago tag match, Dick the Bruiser – their number one antagonist – tossed Mulligan through the dressing room door and had to be restrained by several other wrestlers from doing even more damage . . . Manager Bobby Heenan has been feuding with Billy Robinson and Billy Red Cloud, who has been disqualified in several matches with the blonde manager . . . Dusty Rhodes, fresh from feuds with Cowboy Bill Watts and Ivan Putski in the Ozarks, has come into the midwest, looking for impressive wins over The Crusher and Verne Gagne in order to increase his prestige.

Just west of the Mississippi, action is hot and heavy in the Missouri-Iowa-Kansas area featuring a tremendous series of battles between Harley Race and Rufus Jones. They have had Texas Death Matches and Fence matches and just straight bouts but more often than not it ends up with both men bleeding and neither man being able to achieve complete mastery over the other . . . Race did lose a version of the area title to popular Indian star, Danny Little Bear . . . Little Bear also teamed with Omar Atlas (Buddy Moreno) to take the North American tag team title from Chati Yokouchi and Yasu Fuji, then won another match from the Japanese duo in Kansas City when teamed with his hated enemy Baron Von Raschke who was making his first Kansas return in some time. Little Bear's normal partner, Atlas was being beaten by Race on the same card . . . Black Angus Campbell is a most unwelcome newcomer as is his manager, Percival Friend. Percival has helped Angus to victories over Bobby Whitlock, Terry Martin, The Viking, and Pat O'Connor using anything from mere distraction to something more physical like an attache case. In Campbell's match with Bob Geigel, Geigel had pounded and slammed him into apparent defeat, but Percival ran over and rang the bell. Geigel got up assuming the match was over and

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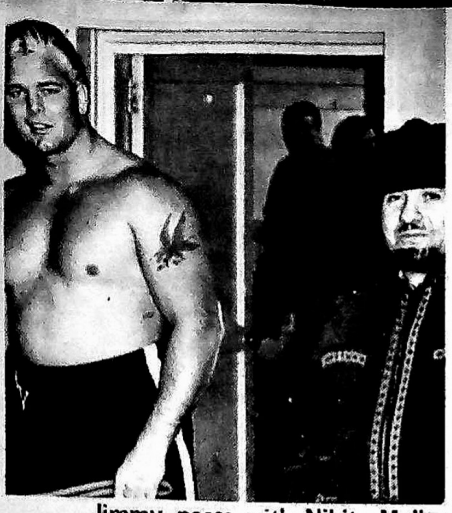


Jimmy poses with Nikita Mulkovich.

EARL COAST-TO-

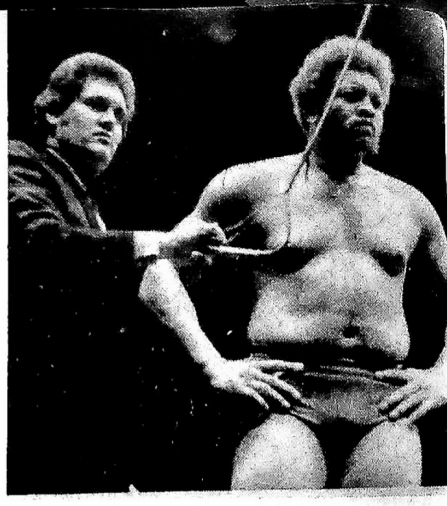
GREETINGS, wrestling fans. Again it is time for another column for The Big Book of Wrestling. The Civic Center, Baltimore, Maryland, was the scene of a great wrestling card some time ago . Over 5,000 were in attendance. An 8-girl battle royal occured with the following gals participating: Sandy Parker, Debbie Johnson, Paula Kaye, Toni Rose, Vickie Williams, Donna Christianello, Jan Sheridan, The White Venus and Susan Green. It was a slam bam battle all the way. You don't have to ask me if it was a fake battle – it was not. They slam bammed all the way. When they first started, they exchanged blow for blow and I don't mean they missed. Even Toni Rose and Donna Christianello paired against Eddie Blake, the referee and they threw him over the top rope to the enjoyment of the fans all over the Civic Center. The way the pattern looked the winner would be either Toni Rose or Donna Christianello but, no it was Sandy Parker who finished them both off and took the battle royal with $4,000.00 and a chance to meet the Fabulous Moolah. The second bout saw Paula Kaye def Debbie Johnson in 8:10; third bout saw Toni Rose drew Vickie Williams in 15:00; 4th bout saw Popular Bobo Brazil coco but Stan The Man Stasiak to defeat in 11:00; 5th bout Donna Christianello def Jan Sheridan in 11:00, the 6th bout saw Pedro Morales VS Freddie Blassie both were disqualified for fighting outside the ring in 15.00; 7th bout saw Susan Green def The White Venus in 12:00 via disq., 8th bout saw The Fabulous Moolah with the use of a UFO def Sany Parker in 7:00, 9th bout Rene Goulet and Victor Rivera def the Russians, Ivan and Igor. Each team had won a fall and in the third fall the Russians were disqualified.

The battle between the two promoters in Detroit is getting hot and heavy A few weeks ago the Cobo Arena had 9,246 with 12 bouts and here are the results: TONY MARINO AND DANNY HODGE DEF THE KANGAROOS (NON-TITLE), 2. PAMPERO FIRPO AND THE SHEIK VS BULL CURRY AND TEX McKENZIE (NO CONTEST), 3. BOBO BRAZIL AND FRED CURRY W JOHNNY VALENTINE AND ERNIE LADD VIA DISQ., 4. BULL BROWER W DEWEY ROBERTSON, 5. THE STUDENT (GEORGE STEELE) W EMILE DUPRE, 6. BEN JUSTICE W DON MURANO, 7. HANS SCHMIDT W SONNY KING, 8. GINO BRITTO W TIM BROOKS VIA DISQ., 9. TONY BAILLIARGEON W HELLS ANGEL NO. 2, 10. LOU KLEIN W GENE MARCHAIN, 11. BULL ORTEGA W THE ZEBRA KID VIA DISQ, and 12. THE EXECUTIONER W BOBBY BLAINE.

At the Olympia, Detroit, Mich., earlier this year Dick The Bruiser promotion, 5,126 in attendence with the following results: 1. Dick the Bruiser and Sailor Art Thomas def Black Jack Lanza and Black Jack Mulligan via disq. 2. BARON VON RASCHKE W GOLIATH ROUSANOFF, 3. BILLY RED CLOUD W BIG BILL MILLER, 4. MOOSE CHOLAK W NICOLI VOLKOFF, 5. DONNA LAMENKE W MARY JANE MULL, 6. JIM AND KEN DILLINGER

Popular Pat Barrett in action.

ELDER'S COAST



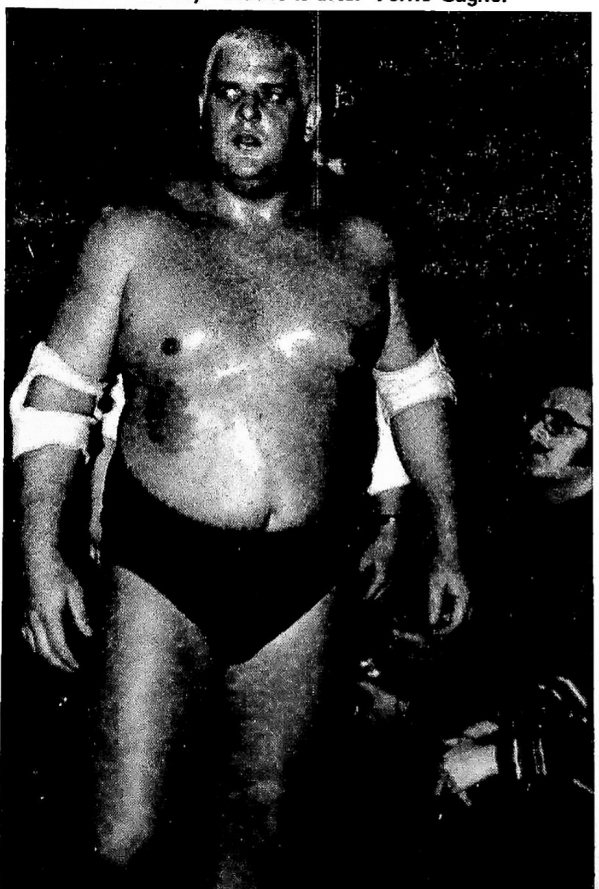
Ernie Ladd glowers at opponent.

W THE PROFESSOR AND JIM ALEXI, 7. OAL PULLINS W JIM ZURKON.

It seems foolish for both promoters to show a card on the same night. If only the Cobo Arena promoter would go back to his old Friday night shows, and let the Olympic continue the Saturday night shows both Promotions could show more fans showing up. I blame the Cobo Arena promoter for all the trouble in Detroit, Michigan.

Gene Gordon reports Big Luke Brown has returned to the Carolinas and a new face here is MAN MOUNTAIN MIKE AND DUE TO RETURN THERE IS THE ORIGINAL GREAT BOLO. Also due back is Ole Anderson. Nelson Royal suffered a broken foot during a recent match and Paul Jones is back in action after a neck injury. Matti Suzuki, who has been a favorite there for some time, suddenly has changed to a "badie" and is tag teaming with Rock Hunter. Abe Jacobs is back in the territory and as popular as ever. Rudy and Bobby Kay, Apollo and Johnny Weaver, Sandy Scott and Jerry Brisco are the top fan favorites. Others here at this writing are Les Thatcher, Frankie Hester, Bill Bowman, Joe Turner, Jim Dillon, Art Nelson, Bobby (Ron) Paul, Karl Karlson, Tinker Todd, Jesse James, Frank Morell, and several others. Peggy Patterson or Pat Stevens was in the Carolinas and is the daughter of Norman Stepp of Fresno, Calif. the wrestling stamp king of wrestling.

Dusty Rhodes is after Verne Gagne.



One of the best wrestling fans bulletin is THE WRESTLING INFORMATION BULLETIN and Ronald A. Dobratz is the editor. His address is Wrestling Information Bulletin, P.O. Box 1807, Rockford, Ill. 61110. Send $1.00 for two issues and you will be surprised at the information about wrestling that he puts out. I have been a subscriber for some time and I always enjoy receiving each issue. He has results from all over the country and writeups of some of the most interesting wrestling bouts.

In regards to letters received concerning judges, the following letter was received from John F. Mehno, a feature writer for the Big Book of Wrestling and it seems he has settled the question. "Judges may work all right for a while, but I feel eventually the system will be scrapped. One of the most effective cards a promoter can stage is a rematch of a previous bout with a disputed ending. With judges, it's a clear winner and loser. I really don't think most fans want

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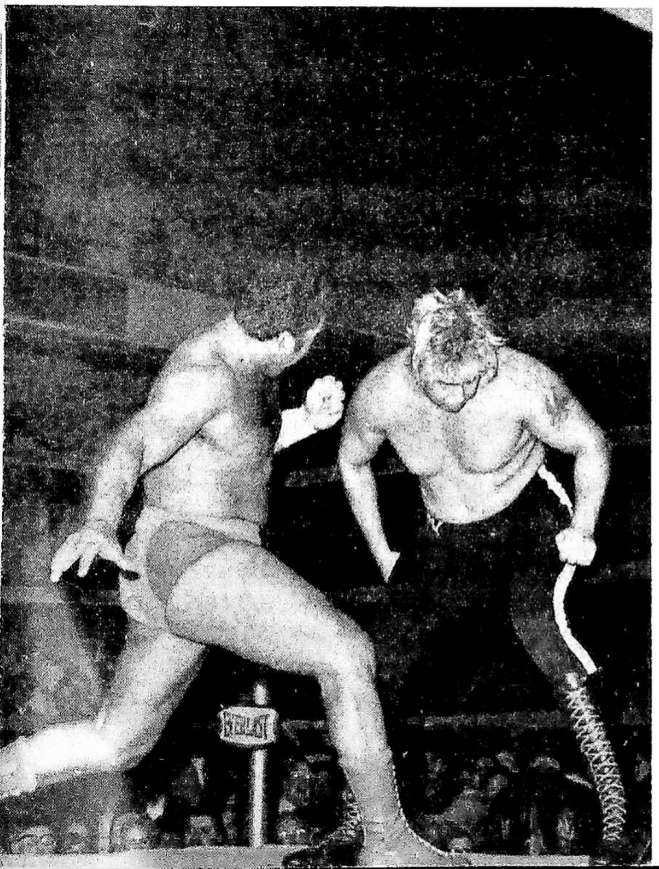
What you demanded--more rapid action photos!

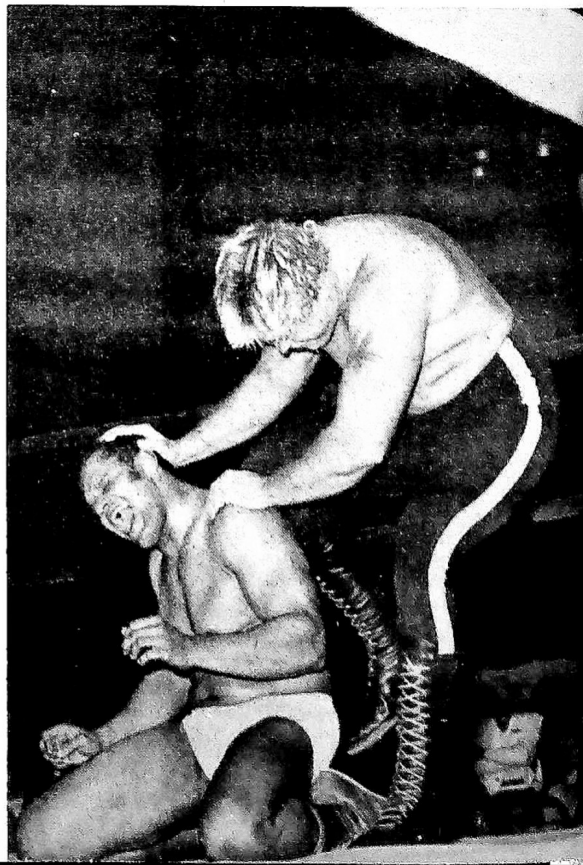
TAGTEAM BLOCKBUSTERS:

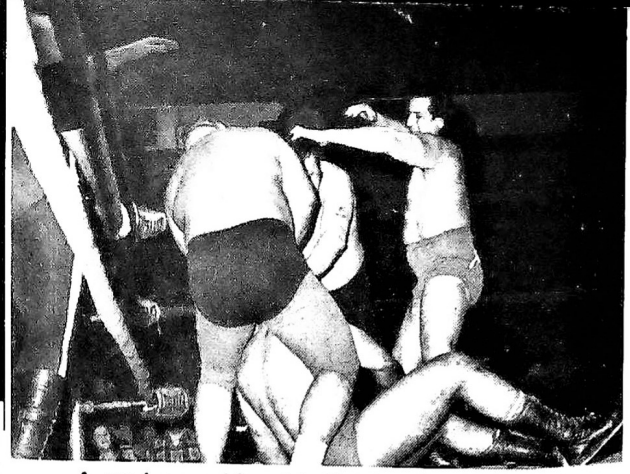
VALIANT...STASIAK... TANAKA...MORALES... STRONGBOW... RIVERA!

Pedro Morales rips out at Jim Valiant.

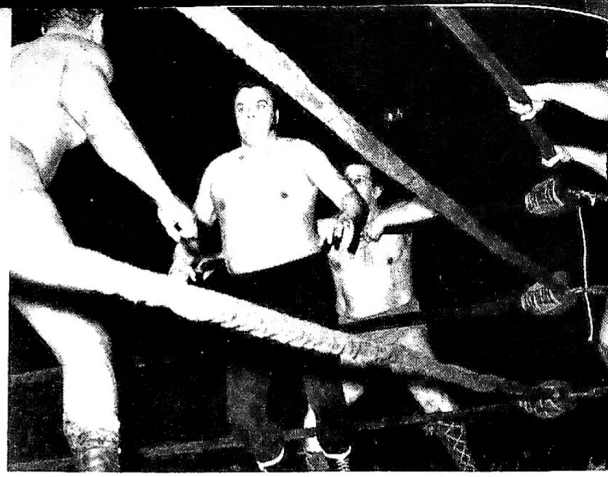


Then Valiant gives it hard to Victor Rivera who appears to be in bad trouble.



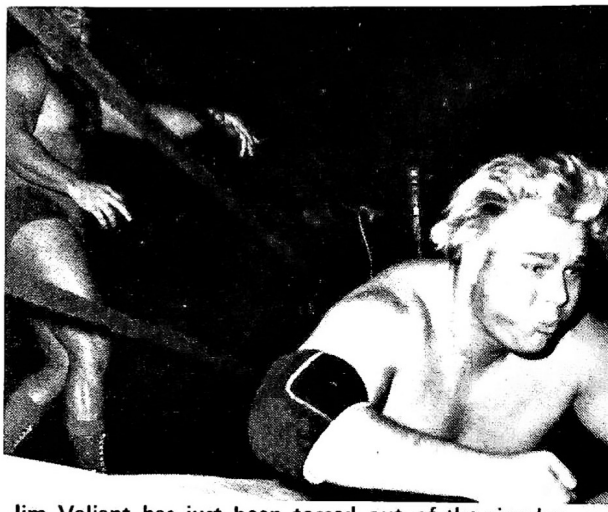


A mad scramble with Tanaka, Strongbow, Morales, Stasiak on top of one another.



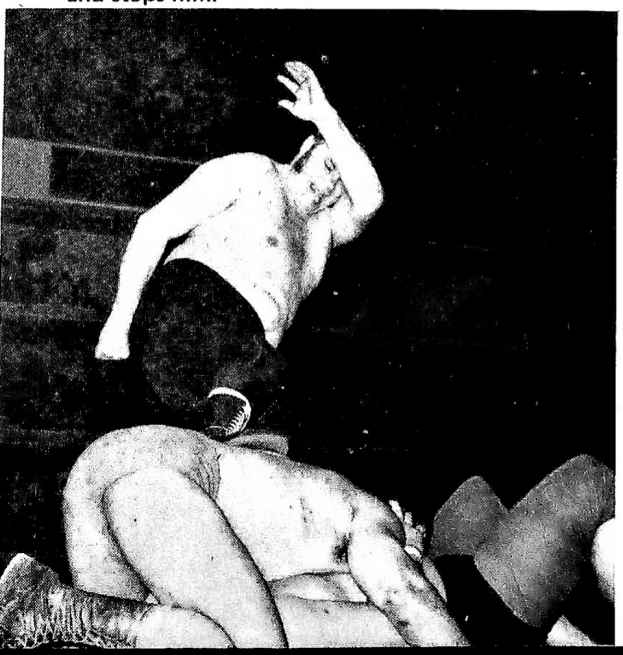
Stasiak doesn't know which way to turn!

Pedro really cuts into Stasiak.

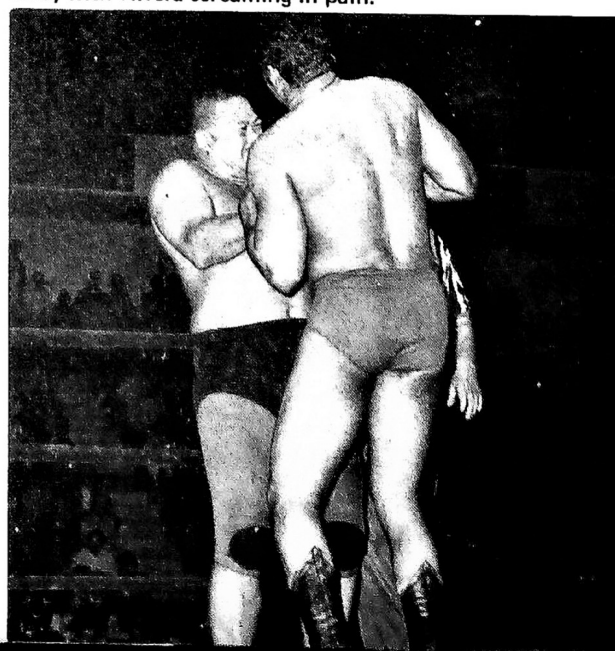


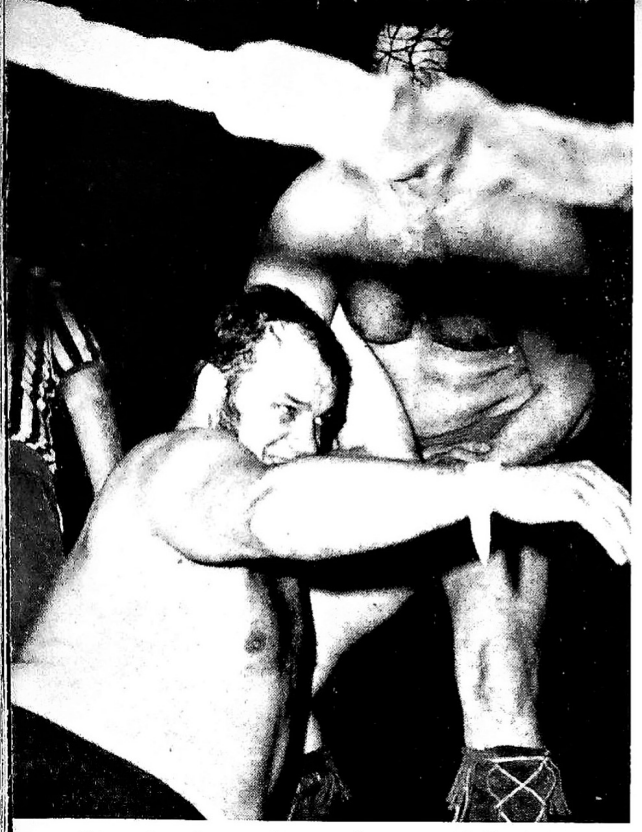
Jim Valiant has just been tossed out of the ring by Morales in this shot.

Strongbow tries to pin Tanaka but Stasiak interferes and stops him.

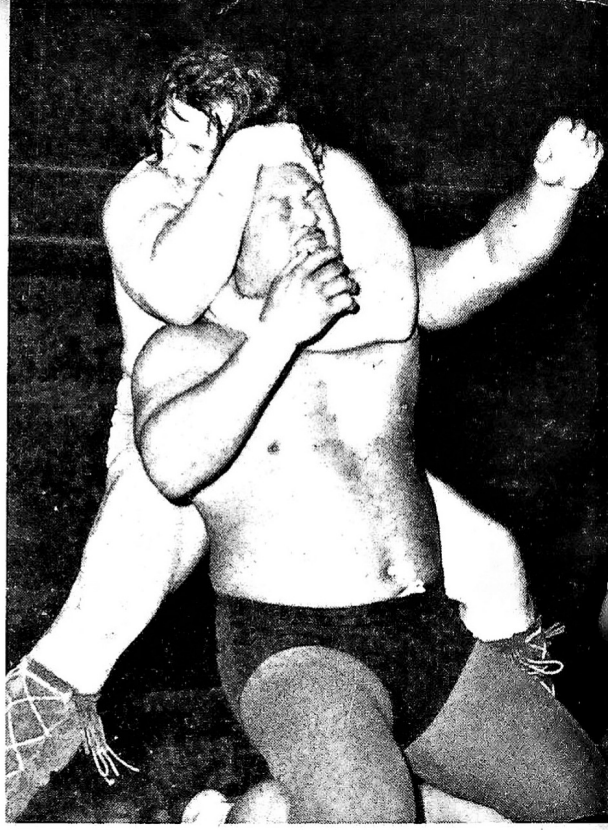


Tanaka's got Rivera in a really punishing arm pit hold, with Rivera screaming in pain.



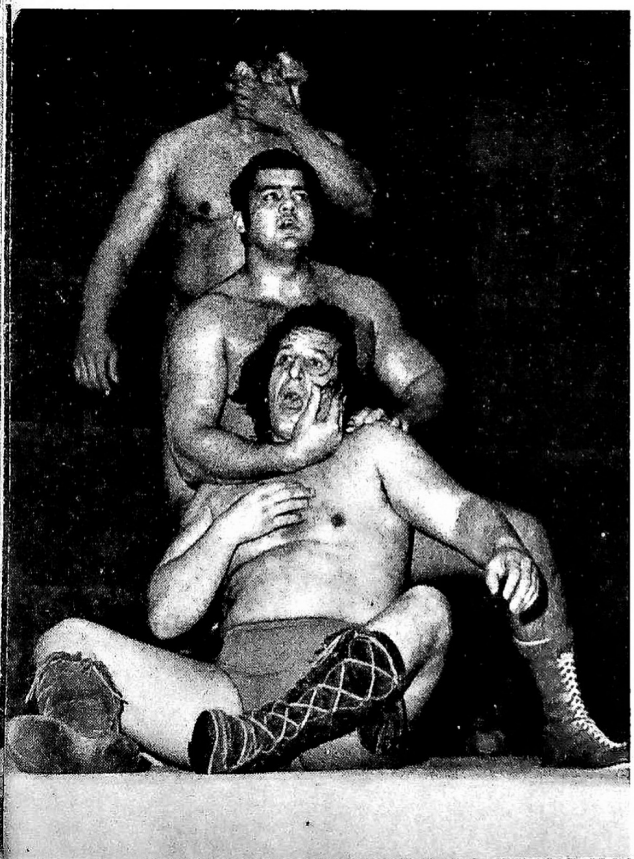


Strongbow's mopping up the mat with Stasiak.

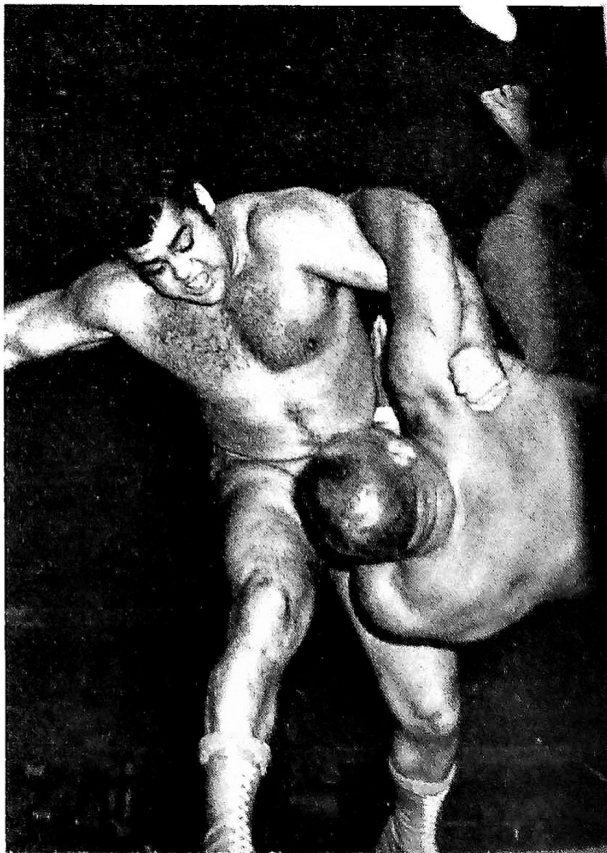


Here he's got his sleeper hold on Tanaka.

But Tanaka almost killed Strongbow – and Rivera and Morales try to revive him.



Toward end of match, Morales has Tanaka in a hip roll. How did it end? *That's* our secret, dear readers!



Tom Burke's

INTERNATIONAL DATELINE

WRESTLING HAD ITS first tragedy this year with the death of wrestler Luis Hernandez. Hernandez was on his third tour of Japan when he passed away as a result of a heart attack on the first of February in his hotel room in Nagoya. He will be missed by many of wrestling fans around the world since he was a member of the international set of wrestlers.

Japan is loaded with wrestling talent since my last column. Such mat men as The Destroyer, Harley Race, Sputnick Monroe, Nobel Austin, Manuel Soto, Mario Milanio, Danny Miller, Don Leo Jonathan and French Star Gilbert Voiney who will be well remembered as Max Mortier when he wrestled in the states a few years back. The Destroyer and Don Leo Jonathan are now back in Canada wrestling for wrestler turned promoter, Paul "Butcher" Vachon in Montreal.

England continues to have some of the best mat talent available. Popular junior heavyweight, Gwynn Davies continues to gain the support of the fans in all the arenas he appears in. Davies will become a legend with his matches with Kendo Nagasaki, the masked mystery man of England.

England has their share of ladies too. Sue Brittain holds the British Girls Championship and arrangements are being made for her to appear on the Continent in the summer months. It will be interesting to see the outcome of these matches.

Wrestling on the Continent during the winter months is slow. In Germany there is none till the spring and very little in other parts therefore our

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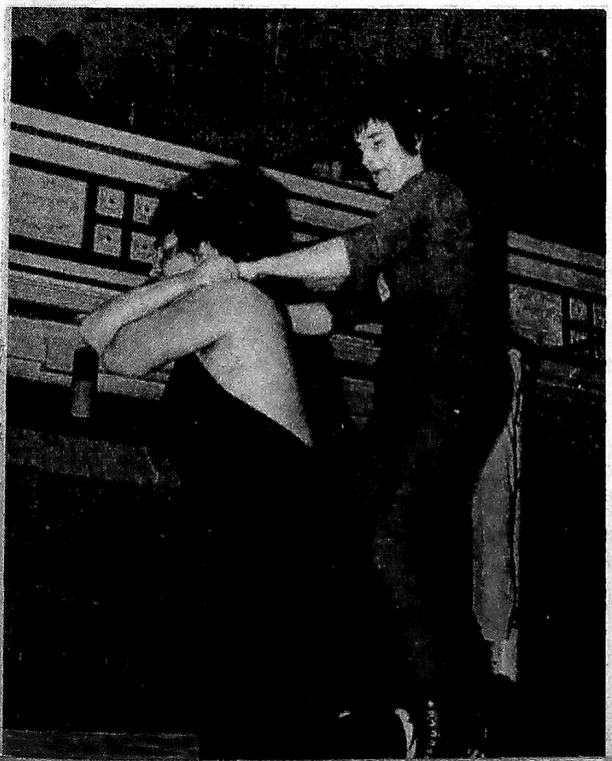
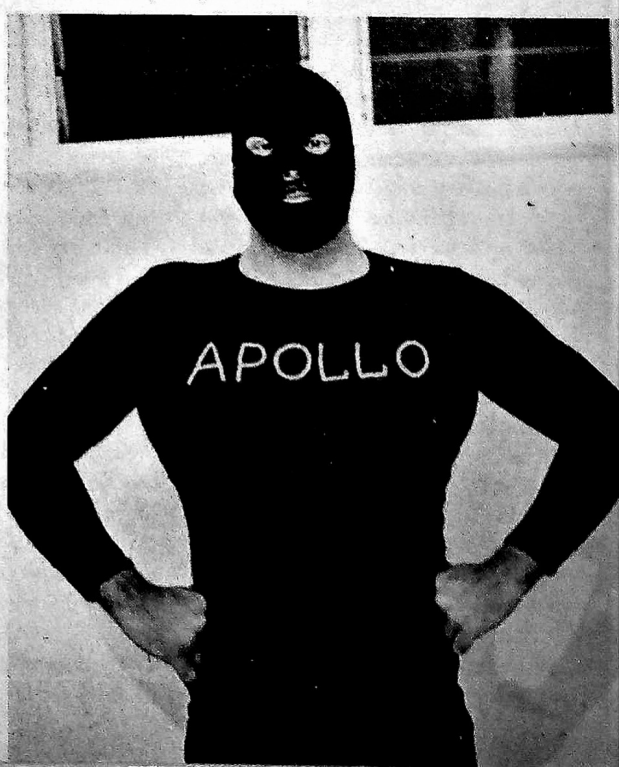
Sue Brittain, British Girls Champ, has Babs Clarke at a disadvantage recently.



The Masked Mystery Man — Apollo — who is he?



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FAN-O-

HI AGAIN, the mail really has been pouring in, at this rate my mailman might retire at an early age, he can't take too much more. He is so glad when he reaches my door, the mailbag gets 80% lighter. Let's keep him happy, keep all those bulletins, F.C. material, letters, requests, etc. coming. I love getting them. Write to me at home – 23-44 30th Drive, Astoria, N.Y. 11102. Please don't forget to send a S.A.S.E. if a personal answer is required, otherwise your letter won't be answered.

I received a note from Christine Copelen of P.O. Box 774, Alachua, Florida 38615 letting me know that she is starting a FAN CLUB for MR. WRESTLING. I did *not* receive a permission slip, only the following information to pass along to you. Dues are $2.50 which include a picture membership card and Bulletins. (Doesn't state how many.) Later on Christine hopes to be able to offer pins, buttons, T-shirts, stickers, key chains and other items at a low cost to members. Contact Christine for further information. I must have a signed permission slip.

Michael Feldman of 1690 Watson Avenue, Bronx, N.Y. 10472 just started a club called "NEW YORK CITY MATS NEWS". The cost for one month is 25¢ and two 8-cent stamps, or for one year $2.75 and two 8-cent stamps.

I just received the signed permission slip from the RIP TYLER and EDDIE SULLIVAN FAN CLUB under the supervision of Mrs. Joan Daniels, P.O. Box 5663, Pensacola, Florida 32505. Dues are $3.00 for which you will receive a membership card, story on the team, 8X10 photo of Rip & Eddie personally autographed to the members and bi-monthly bulletins called "The Success". The bulletins will consist of pictures, stories on outstanding matches by the guys, and personal messages to the fans from each of the men, also plans of the future. I'm very thrilled to be an honorary member and I'm sure I'll enjoy my stay with the club. It's really great that these men have included their financial help too.

Charles Kruzsbak of 91 Georgetown Road, Weston, Conn. 06880 recently sent me a copy of his FAIRCHILD COUNTY WRESTLING NEWS. Enjoyable reading matter, single issues 30¢.

Another brand new listing – THE JOHNNY WALKER FAN CLUB – President, Le Rabatie of 102 West 7th Street, Hialeah, Fla. 33101. Dues are $2.50 for the first year, and $2.00 thereafter. You will receive a membership card, 8X10 color picture and Bulletins every three months.

Marty Flaherty of 184 Monticello Avenue, Dorchester, Mass. 02125 is announcing the start of his BOSTON GARDEN WREST-

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LING REPORT. This will be a monthly bulletin containing news and results from Boston, New York and Phiadelphia. Dues are $3.00 yearly or 35 cents for a sample copy. The Bulletins will be sent out the last day of every month.

THE CLEVELAND MAT NEWS – 2300 East 97th Street, Cleveland, Ohio 44106; Yearly dues are $2.50 and single issues are 75 cents. Send all correspondents to Miss Elaine Scott, Vice President. President is Anthony Wills. The club is also selling grab bags for $5.00 containing Cleveland programs and carries wrestling magazines, photo's and a copy of the Cleveland Mat News Bulletin.

I want to thank Denys Denville, President of the CANADIAN WRESTLING NEWS AND RESULTS, 2199 de la Canardiere, Quebec City 3, Quebec, CANADA. For the copy of their bulletin which is entirely devoted to Canadian Pro Wrestling. Each issue will be 50 cents or 3 issues for $1.50. The item I liked best was What Happened In Montreal 10 years ago. I just love nostalgia!

Another new club I'm sure will do well is the handsome JERRY JARRETT. Linda Lee Scott is the lucky President, contact her at Star Route – Riverview Drive, Shepherdsville, Kentucky 40165. The dues are $3.00, and you will receive an 8x10 (WOW, does Jerry look sexy!), a pictured membership card, a pin saying "JERRY JARRETT FAN CLUB" and monthly Bulletins. Thanks for the honorary membership.

I want to thank Rosie Macumber of 221 Jasper Drive, Security, Colorado 80911 for renewing my honorary membership to the EDOUARD CARPENTIER INTERNATIONAL FAN CLUB. Keep up the great work. Your club is really tops!

Miss Kathy Szalewski of 1003 South 16th Street, Apt. 11, Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53204 has for sale picture cubes at $1.75 each. Pictures of course are of A.W.A. wrestlers; really makes a neat gift. Also contact Kathy to join her A.W.A. FAN CLUB.

I received a lovely letter from Jeff Walton, Publicity Director for the Olympic Auditorium. Jeff is selling the COLISEUM COLLECTOR PROGRAMS for $1.00 sent out in an envelope first class mail. Filled with 24 exciting pages of news, line-ups, and oodles of pictures. You won't want to miss a single issue. Write Jeff – OLYMPIC AUDITORIUM, 1801 South Grand Avenue, Los Angeles, California 90015.

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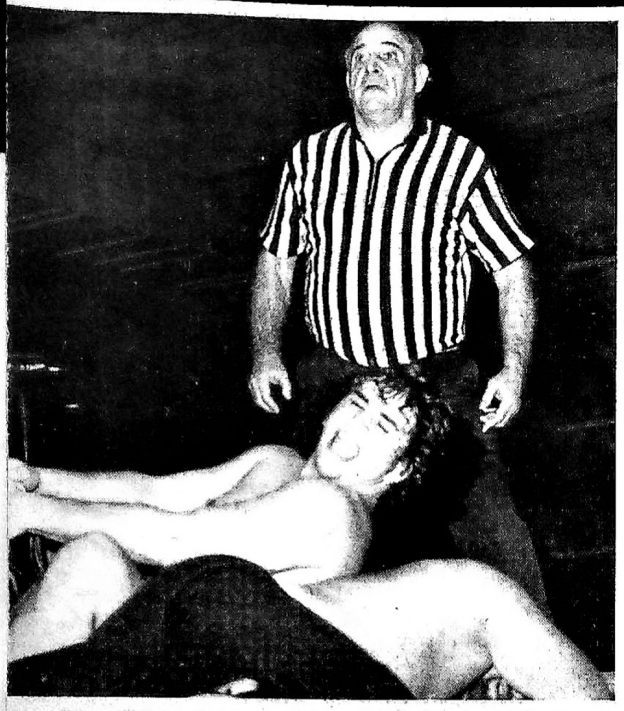
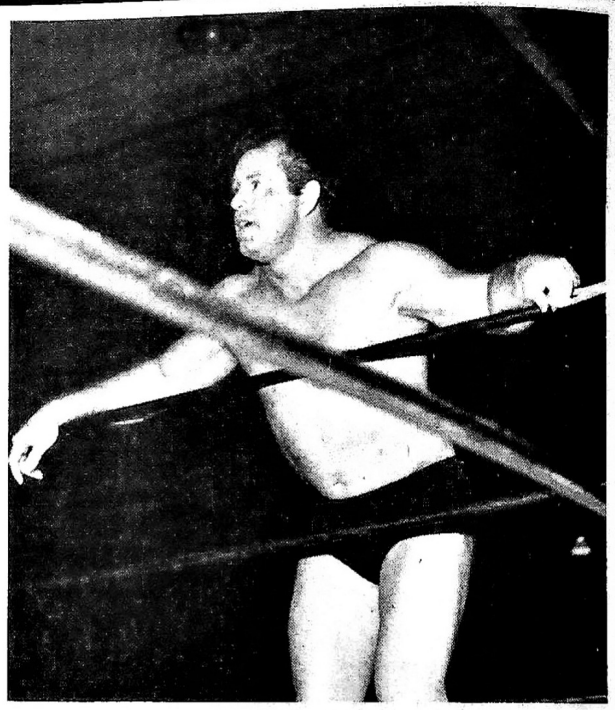


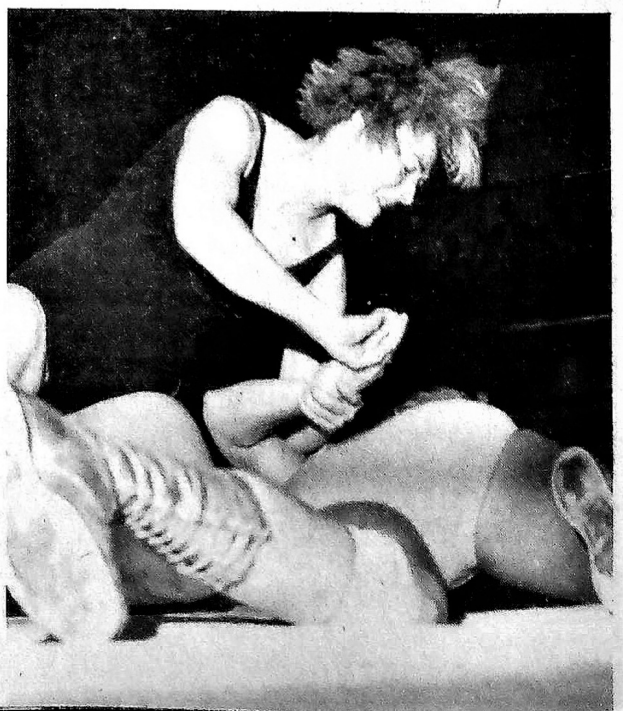
Jerry Brisco has a punishing leg hold on villain Butch Jackson recently.



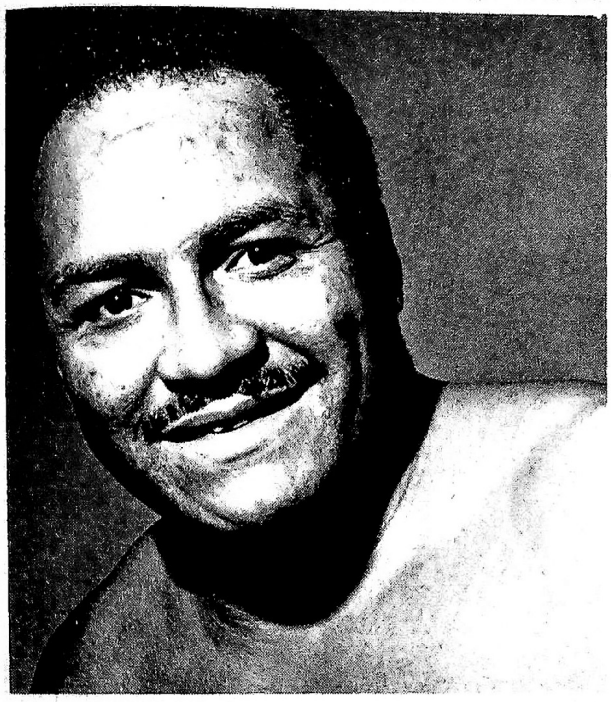
Dennis Hall is one of the classiest grapplers around these days.

Bob Nandor is a real veteran. He's Hungarian and very popular!

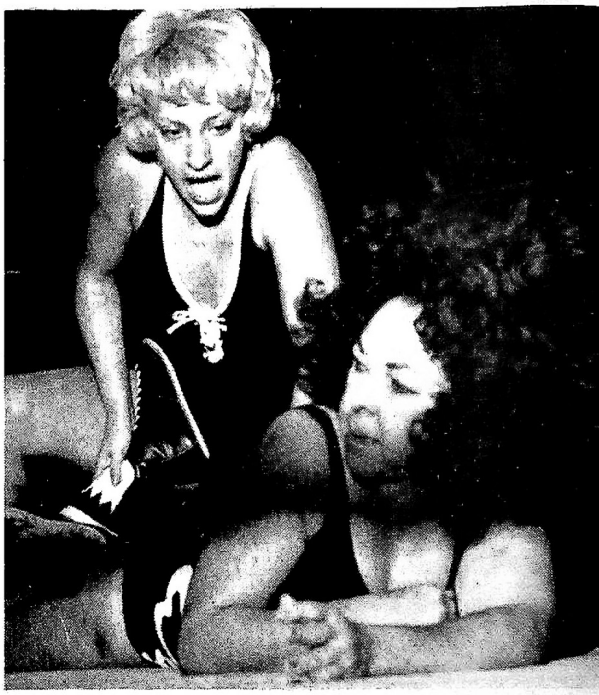
Paula Kaye has arm hold on Penny Banner — but Penny did win.



Down South With Gene Gordon

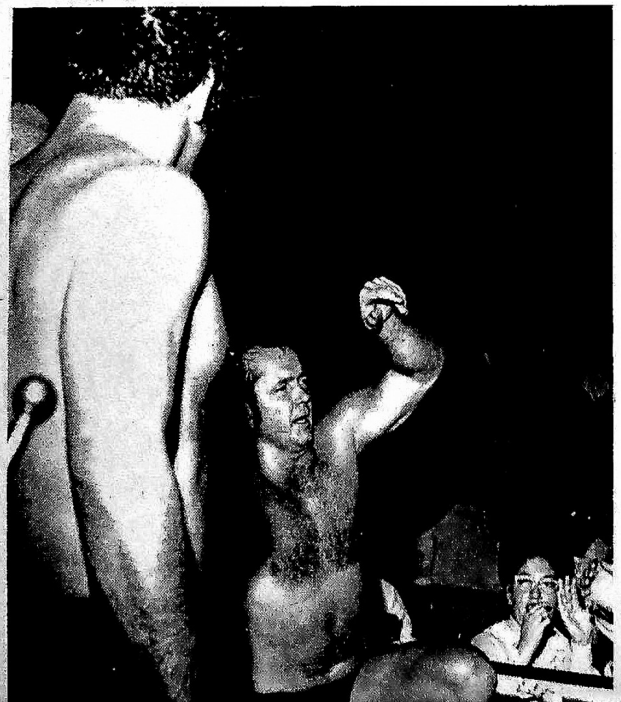


Frankie Hester is being promoted by Jim Crockett — and is a big hit.

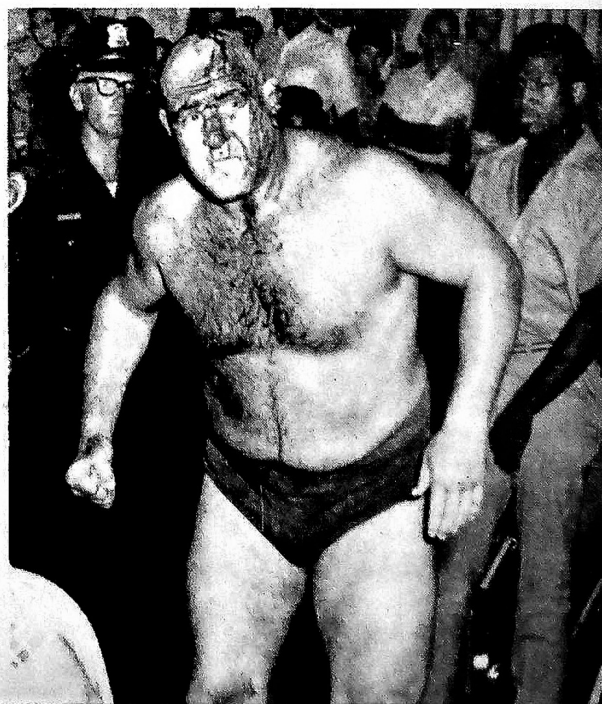


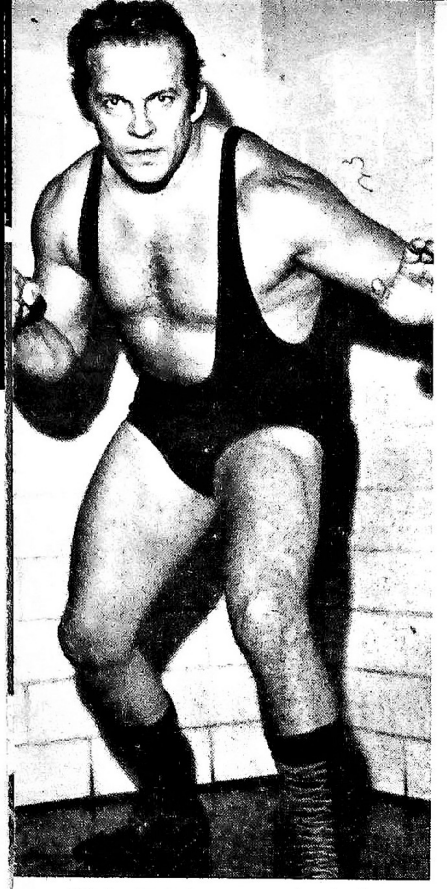
Vickie Williams tangles with Fabulous Moolah. Moolah was the winner.

Dory Funk Jr. almost lost to Jack Briscoe not too long ago.



Brute Bernard — after an extremely bloody match — as so many are!

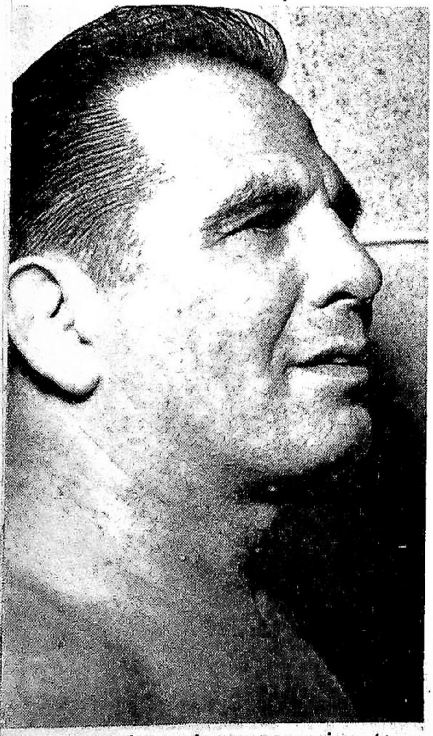




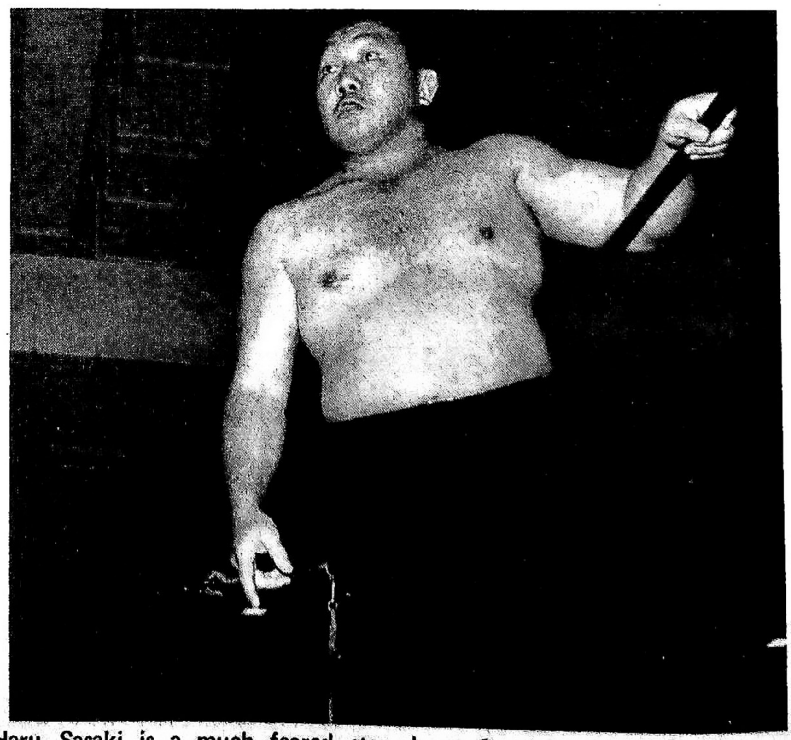
Dick Steinborn got back from a successful tour of Japan.

Jack Briscoe Grapples with Terry Funk, brother of Champ Dory Jr.

Rudy Kay and Bobby Kay are a most popular brother tag team from Canada.



Jesse James is a veteran ring star — and very much going strong still.



Haru Sasaki is a much feared star down South — as well as the Northwest.

JOHN MEHNO'S

HERE and THERE!

WHILE WATCHING A rather mediocre late night movie on television a few weeks back, we were surprised to see grappler Tony Altomare in a minor role. The film, "The Horror of Party Beach" featured Tony in a couple of fight scenes. Altomare, now in semi-retirement, is best remembered as one half of The Sicilians, a top tag team in the 1960s. Tony's partner in The Sicilians was wrestler-turned-manager, Lou Albano.

Bruno Sammartino is gradually working his way back into a full-time wrestling career. Sammartino toured the Orient in late 1971 and has made several appearances in Los Angeles. At this writing, the former World Wide Wrestling Federation Champion has visits to Detroit and New York City slated. Since losing the WWWF title, Bruno has been restricting his mat activities to Pittsburgh, where he makes his home and has several business interests.

The popular team of Dominic DeNucci and Angelo Mosca proved to be too much for Baron Scicluna and Luke Graham. The Baron and Luke used all means, fair and foul (mostly foul), in an attempt to subdue their foes, but their efforts were futile. After Mosca, an ex-football player, knocked Graham and Scicluna from corner to corner with bruising body blocks, Luke and the Baron made a hasty retreat to their dressing room. DeNucci and Mosca were declared the winners of the bout by default.

Recently appointed Pennsylvania State Athletic Commissioner Joe Cimino found out that being in that position has its hazards. Supervising a show in Pittsburgh, Cimino exercised his authority in disqualifying Tony Marino. Marino was penalized for roughing up referee Bucky Palermo. The decision wasn't very popular with the fans, who wanted to see the match between Marino and arch enemy George Steele continue. We have learned that the same Commission has sent a letter to all district Commissioners (Cimino included) calling for an enforced ban on fighting outside the ring. This column looks upon the ruling as a bad one for the fans. An unnecessary restriction such as this reduces the entertainment value of pro wrestling. If the battle spills out to the floor, let it. The fans pay to see action and are certainly entitled to see it. After all, action is what professional wrestling is all about.

Fearless Freddie Blassie displayed his durability to all doubters in a rather unique demonstration. Fred was being interviewed by Bill Cardille and delivering his usual monologue. Suddenly, Blassie began smashing his forehead with empty beer cans and a wooden chair.

The team of Geeto Mongol and Johnny DeFazio is claiming a version of the World Tag Team Title in the Pittsburgh area. Their claim is based on a victory over former champions Tarzan Tyler and Luke Graham. Geeto once held the tag laurels with his brother, Beepo. DeFazio, a Pittsburgh native, is a ten year veteran of the ring wars. He once held a Junior Heavyweight Title in the mid-1960s.

MORE BRIEFLY . . . Former WWWF villain Smasher Sloan is making a comeback . . . Black Jack Mulligan and Waldo Von Erich teamed up for a match, but ended up swinging away at each other. Waldo and Black Jack had a heated exchange of words before their fracas . . . Mitsu Arakawa and Yoshino Sato are being billed as the "Imperial Tag Team Champions". There are very few teams who are not claiming some sort of title.

Because of printing deadlines, we cannot publish any wrestling questions and answers in this issue. Things should be corrected shortly, however. If you have any questions or comments about pro wrestling, you are invited to submit them to: Here And There Mailbag, c/o John F. Mehno, 720 – 25th Street, Ambridge, Pennsylvania 15003. If your letter requires a reply, a self-addressed, stamped envelope is a must. Many of the questions will be answered in this column.

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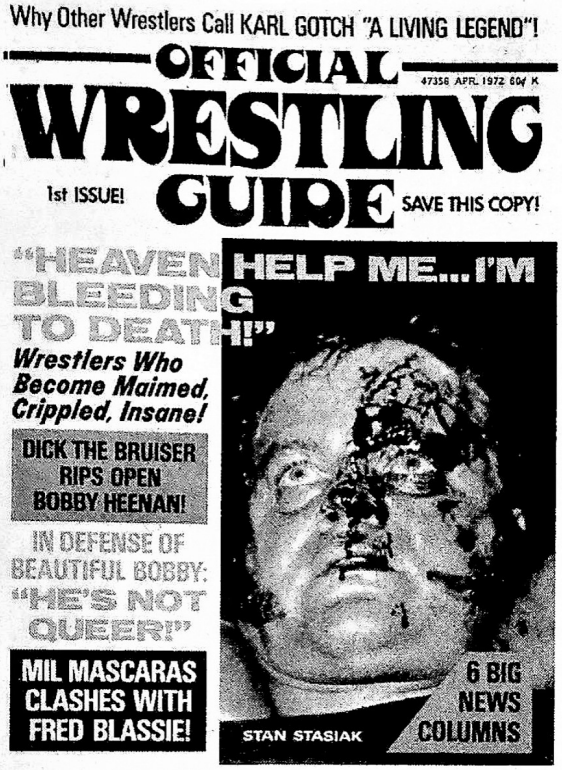

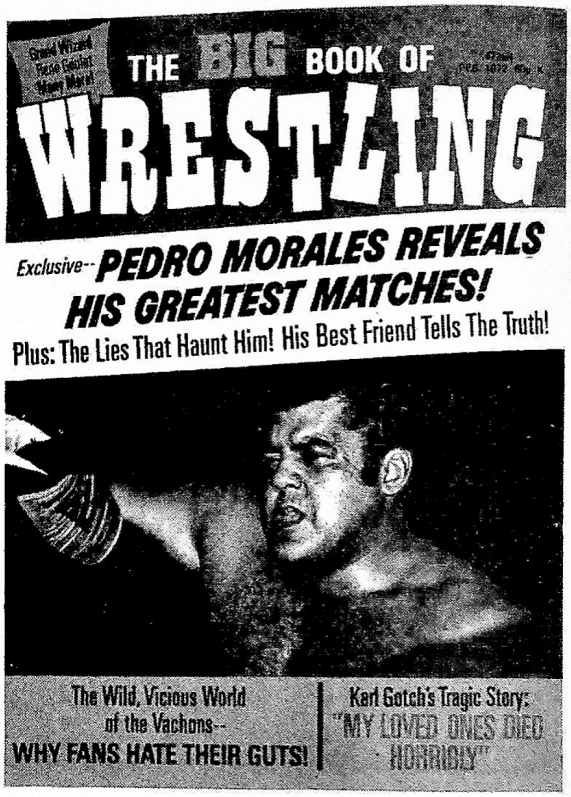

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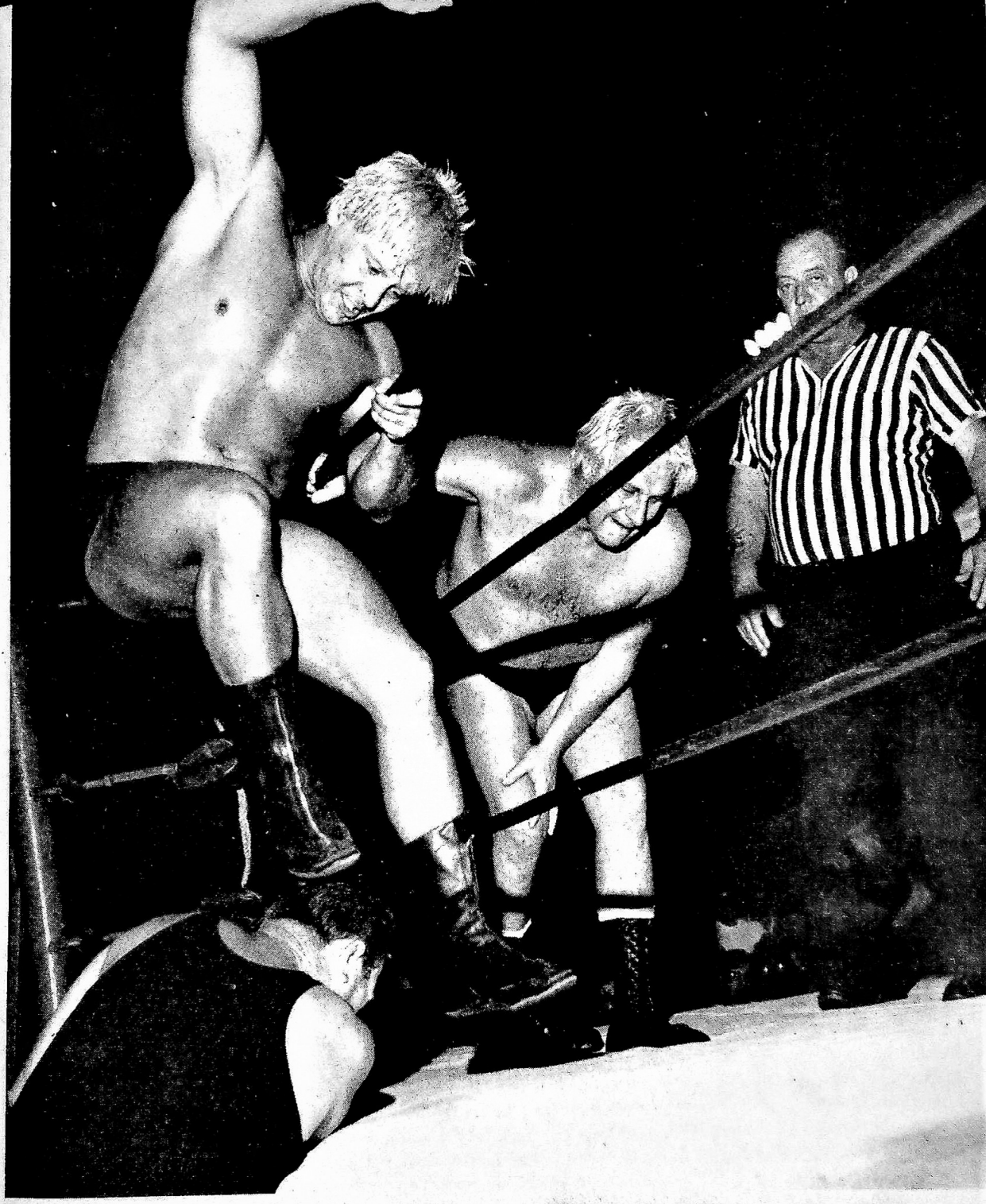

Ronnie and Terry Garvin on the Loose!

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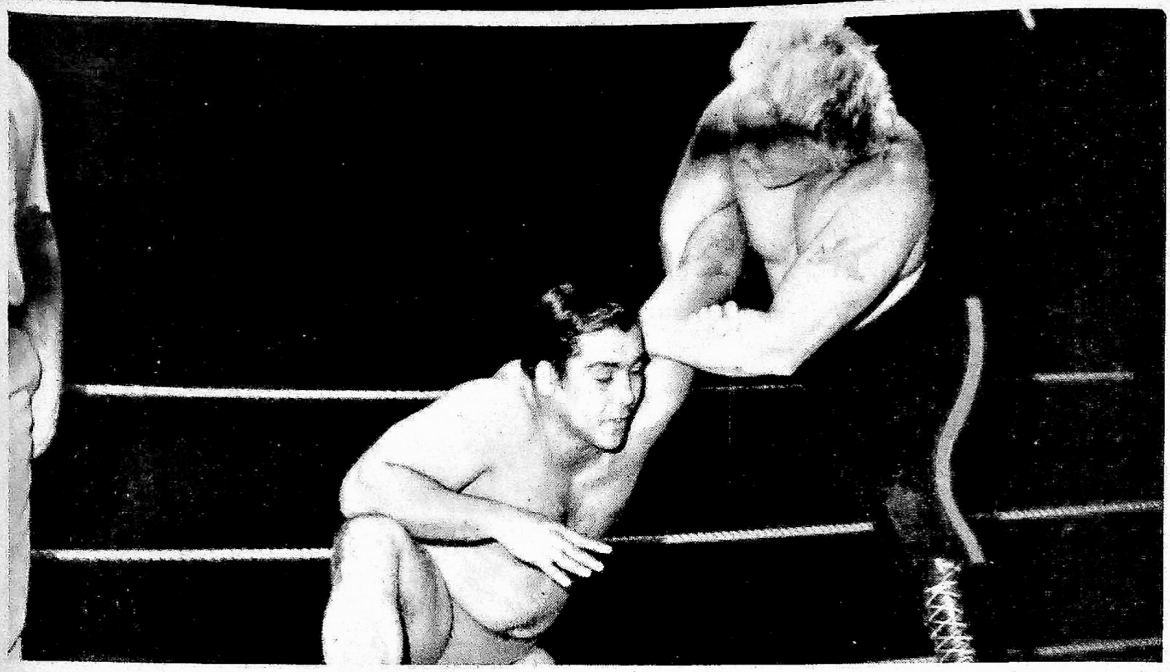

ROAMIN' AROUND WITH RONALD

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by the time the confusion had cleared up, the time limit had indeed expired . . . BlackJack Black, Bob Orton, Bennie Ramirez, Ronnie Etchison and Steve Bolus are other wrestlers helping to bring in the fans in this area.

Red Bastien has left the midwest and has begun campaigning in Texas where many top wrestlers and rivalries are at work. Red quickly made enemies just as dangerous as the ones he left behind in the AWA. In a non-title match in Corpus Christi with the American Champion, the Spoiler, Bastien beat him in 2 straight falls despite much interference by the masked man's manager, Bronco Lubich. In fact the mask helped to do the Spoiler in, as Red managed to twist it around so he couldn't see in both falls. In the first fall this resulted in the Spoiler accidentally throwing Red over the top rope and getting disqualified, and in the second fall Bastien pinned him after giving him an atomic drop . . . The Spoiler has been trying to add the Texas Heavyweight title to his laurels but as of this time has not been able to beat Jose Lothario in a title match. Jose also holds the Texas brass knuckles title, winning both championships away from Johnny Valentine . . . Valentine no longer has any titles in Texas as he and Thunderbolt Patterson lost their American Tag Team title to Fritz Von Erich and Dean Ho (Higuchi). Their loss has stirred up another feud between these two former partners, each blaming the other for the loss and they are currently looking for a new partner to help successfully regain the championship. Thunderbolt Patterson has been teaming with Massa Fuji while Valentine has been joining forces with the Spoiler . . . Red Bastien quickly moved into the situation, teaming with Dean Ho to beat Patterson and Fuji in straight falls. Red was subbing for Cowboy Bob Ellis who had been hit over the head with a chair by Patterson.

Up in the northwestern part of the state, different wrestlers are in action but the interest and excitement of these fans in the panhandle are just as fervent as in the rest of the Lone Star state. Ciclon Negro continues to feud with the entire Funk family. A recent title match saw Negro toss Dory Jr. out of the ring between the second and third falls and the NWA champion hit his head on the cement floor making him partially unconscious. Brother Terry came down to the ring to plead for more time to recover and was attacked. Dory Sr. got into the ring, slugged Ciclon and applied the spinning toe hold. By this time Dory Jr. had recovered, crawled into the ring and applied his spinning toe hold to win the decisive fall . . . Moose Morowski (Mike Monroe) by beating Mr. Wrestling (not Tim Woods, but I believe Gordon Nelson) within 10

minutes won $1,000 . . . Suni War Cloud fought Apache Gringo in a rawhide strap match where the loser would get scalped. War Cloud pinned Gringo and then 2 barbers shaved him as it took seven wrestlers to hold him down.

Some of the toughest wrestlers are at each other's throats in the Pacific Northwest. The area tag team champions Johnny "Kangaroo" Boyd and Sir Norman Friedrich Charles III and also Bull Ramos have been fighting the likes of Rocky Montero, Beauregarde, Cowboy Frankie Laine, and Pacific Northwest Champion Dutch Savage. Even Shag "King Toby" Thomas has come out of retirement, exchanging his referee's outfit for wrestling trunks to meet the Boyd-Charles duo . . . Up from Oregon in British Columbia, Mark Lewin and Steven Little Bear were feuding with "Bulldog" Bob Brown and Gene Kiniski. The good guys won – then lost the Canadian Open tag championship back, just as Lewin won, then lost the area heavyweight title to Brown. Their last encounter was a bloody battle won by Brown in Vancouver in which the loser had agreed to leave town for one year. Of all the feuds going around today, I would guess the most intensive of them all is between two of the country's premier scientific wrestlers, Dory Funk Jr. and Jack Brisco. Twice within 10 days time the two went to sizzling sixty minute draws, simply confirming what their previous classic matches had shown that there is a very little difference in the talent that the two men possess . . . Veteran southern villain Art Neilson enjoying the cheers of the fans for one of the few times in his career after developing a feud with Rip Hawk and Swede Hanson and their manager Gary Hart, and allying himself with people like Johnny Weaver and Argentina Apollo (who suffered a leg injury at their hands) . . . In the South, Saul Weingeroff and his Von Braunner boys have been the wrestlers Tennessee fans would most like to see soundly defeated. Recently fans thought they would get their wish in Nashville as Jackie Fargo, Tojo Yamamoto and Jerry Jarrett were signed to meet them. Len Rossi replaced Jarrett who was suffering from the flu. Karl beat Fargo in the first fall after choking him with a string he pulled from his trunks. Judo chops by Yamamoto and an atomic drop by Fargo beat Karl and evened up the bout. Fargo used brass knuckles to get Karl bleeding badly in the final fall, but then Weingeroff interfered throwing fire which burned Jackie in the back and stomach and while he was rolling on the mat in agony, Karl pinned him to win the match . . . In Florida the Australians are feuding with the Infernos, and so are their managers, Johnny King and J.C. Dykes. At one arena Dykes managed to grab and smash King's eyeglasses . . . Pampero Firpo now in the Ohio-Michigan area and like The Sheik and Ernie Ladd, promptly began feuding with Bobo Brazil, Fred Curry, and Tex McKenzie.

It wasn't my intention to try and cover all the feuds of major proportion going on in wrestling today as there are just too many to try and touch upon all of them, but I hope the ones mentioned have proved interesting and informative to everyone. If you have enjoyed this column, I'd like to invite you to send 50¢ and obtain a sample copy of the 32-page professionally printed bulletin I have organized to try and provide the most complete information available on wrestling. As I write this, I have in front of me the latest issue which contains winners and losers of 140 complete wrestling shows from the past month or two, 6 full pages of area news and gossip. A listing of more than 30 cities with telephone numbers or addresses to write for tickets, quiz page, page of readers' comments and ideas, detailed results of each match I saw on four separate wrestling cards, complete details of 6 of the best recent matches, and our Looking Backwards section which reviewed the main matches in Los Angeles during 1967 and results of other specific cards of the 1960s. So if you are interested in obtaining a publication with features such as this, send 50¢ to Wrestling Information Bulletin, P.O. Box 1807, Rockford, Illinois, 61110.

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Allan Bolte's
WEST COAST SCENE

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that night certainly wasn't given to Patterson.

"That doesn't really matter," Patterson announced a few days later. "I won the match and the title, didn't I? THAT'S where the money comes in!"

Yes, Patterson did win the third fall and the match – on a count-out, to claim the United States Heavyweight Wrestling Championship.

Patterson, we must remember, has tasted championship victory before. He held the U.S. Heavyweight Championship (the same belt) earlier. He has held the World's Tag Team Championship on two occasions, once with Big Billy Graham and, earlier, with as much as he hates to admit it, Ray "Blond Bomber" Stevens.

It just may be Johnson will win his belt back yet only time will tell.

Johnson, though, isn't hurting too badly. He still has another wrestling championship to rely on, the World's Tag Team Championship, which he now shares with equally popular Pepper Gomez.

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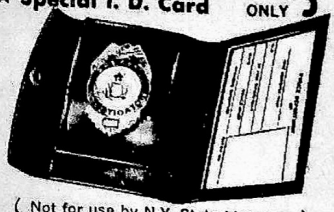

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Gomez and Johnson very well could be rated two of the most popular men in wrestling. One reason for their popularity is simply because of the fact they take so much time to sign autographs with fans, they often pose for pictures and always may be seen signing autographs.

Don Carson, a wrestler of record, still is as rough as ever yet lately has been found sitting behind the desk, playing the role of promoter.

Carson now operates big time wrestling in Santa Rosa, California. The matches usually are held every other Friday night, starting at 8:30 PM, in the Santa Rosa Fairgrounds Arena. Local fans are happy to know Carson has been treating them with some good matches lately.

Meanwhile, Promoter Louie Miller has been going great guns with his cards held on Monday nights in the Richmond Memorial Auditorium.

Miller has had midgets, ladies, six man tag matches, lumberjack matches and even had a wrestling bear on his cards!

Ken Emery, the wrestling announcer at the Cow Palace, Richmond, and other arenas, has been doing a great job of announcing at the matches. Ken always is well received by the fans, simply because he's a great guy and a good announcer.

Four of the world famous wrestling midgets, Tahiti Kid, Sonny Bob Hayes, Pee Wee Adams and Mighty Brutus recently finished several extremely interesting and definitely exciting matches in these areas.

The midgets always are accepted by the fans in that they are excellent little athletes and always have good, exciting matches from start to finish.

Los Angeles lately has been rising to the top of the list of major wrestling cities, in that lately the city has been holding closed circuit matches on the screen.

If the Olympic Auditorium or the Los Angeles Forum doesn't fill, something different is taking place. And, what's more, if the areas where closed circuit is being held don't fill, certainly the other arenas will!

In other arenas of the West Coast, Fresno, California, has been doing fairly well with only the best of Promoters Roy Shire and Bob Hill at the helm of the operations.

One of the most beautiful arenas in the world, Las Vegas, Nevada, also has been doing excellent with Promoter Roy Shire's monthly matches held on Monday nights in the Convention Center, on the beautiful strip.

Other areas of interest include Sacramento, the state capital, and Reno.

Yes, the "big little city" or Reno, Nevada also is a success with matches being held there in the fairgrounds arena.

Before we wrap up another column, the writer now wishes to give a group of people credit, credit they richly deserve. Wrestling fans!

Anyone who knows anything about wrestling knows the fans who attend the matches have to be the most interesting, friendliest and most loyal fans of any sport.

Give yourselves a hand!

THE END

COAST-TO-COAST

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this. If there's a definite winner and loser, you can't build up cage matches, death matches or the like. Whenever the athletic commission here in Pittsburgh acted as a judge, the fans nearly stoned the commissioners. In one instance, a match between Tony Marino and Killer Kowalski was especially hectic. Suddenly, the bell rang and it was announced that both wrestlers had been dis-

qualified by the Commissioner. Of course, both men were punching and biting, etc., and *should* have been disqualified. But the fans were in an uproar. They wanted to see the match continue. If both men were violating the rules, but things are even, let it go. If one man has a continued, decided advantage over the other and uses illegal tactics, it's the referee's judgement as to when it has gone too far. Although it doesn't seem that way, the fans really love to jeer the incompetent referee who didn't see the villain get it from the hero. So in the match, the judges award the hero the bout because he used the ropes. What's the difference? The fans would much rather see a rematch with the villain being bloodied by their hero. It's good for the fans and the promoters. I think we should keep wrestling as it is – fun and entertainment. Why fight success?"

My thanks to John F. Mehno for settling the matter about judges and I will not bring it up again.

Many fans want to ask questions concerning wrestling and John F. Mehno is preparing a question-and-answer feature in his column for The Big Book of Wrestling. John will answer personally, provided a self-addressed, stamped envelope is sent along. John is in the process of gathering research and reference material now. You can also write to John F. Mehno in care of the Big Book of Wrestling.

Here are the results of the Boston, Mass., Boston Gardens of 22 January, 1972. Pedro Morales drew with Freddie Blassie, Rene Goulet and Karl Gotch def the Russians, Ivan and Igor, Prof. Toro Tanaka def Manuel Soto, Victor Rivera def Stan "The Man" Stasiak, and Chief Jay Strongbow def Handsome Jimmy Valiant on a C.O.R. Vickie Williams won the 8-girl battle royal.

Vince McMahon, Jr. has taken over the announcing of bouts in New York, N.Y., Philadelphia, Pa., Hamburg, Pa. and Baltimore, Maryland. He is a very good announcer and will be a big help to his father in Phildelphia, Pa.

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SONNY "SHOWBOAT" KING:

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match. It went 45 minutes. Others that Sonny considers tough in the ring are: Ernie Ladd, Prof. Toru Tanaka and King Curtis.

After Sonny left the Florida area he found himself in Detroit once again. There he encountered The Kangaroos. He considers them the toughest tag team he has met so far. He teamed with Ben Justice against them. Down South Sonny teamed up more often than not with Sputnik Monroe. Sonny never has had a regular tag team partner. He prefers single matches, and tries to sign for them if possible.

In his short career as a wrestler Sonny has not run into any feuds. The mild mannered Sonny says, "I go out in every match with one thought in mind, winning. I'm sure my opponent feels the same way. Tempers may flare up in a bout. Once the match is over, I forget about it. If ever a feud erupts it will be from my opponent, not from me. Should I lose a match, then the next time I meet the wrestler I will try to even the score."

Sonny has no style patterned after anyone. A few fans have acknowledged that Sonny's costume and style reminds them of another negro wrestling star Bearcat Wright. Says Sonny, "My style is my own. I've never met or seen Bearcat Wright. I've heard of him but that is it."

In his matches Sonny never tries to win with the same holds. He uses a Headbutt, abdominal Stretch, and Boston Crab but not exclusively. He tries to mix his strategy and tactics. "I never try to have a set pattern. This way if a future opponent, manager or scouts of an opponent are looking me over, they can't pin down my style, for defensive or offensive purposes."

Sonny has no idol in wrestling he looks up to but does point out WWWF Heavyweight Champion Pedro Morales and U.S. Heavyweight Champion Bobo Brazil. "They are champions, true champions and are on top. They know what to do in the ring. They got to where they are by hard work. I'm going to work as equally as hard."

Sonny likes Pedro Morales very much and has no ill feelings about him, but he would welcome a chance to meet Pedro for the title. He knows that the fans along the East like rough style matches and the attendance attest to it. But he thinks a clean scientific bout for the title would be a welcome change and if enough interest is brought to such a match it can draw just as well. "I'm not saying I'm better than Pedro but I would not mind a chance to meet him in the ring, if I'm in a position for a title match."

Sonny decided to try the WWWF area in late 1971. He believed that it was time to make his move up the ladder of success in wrestling. If he ever was going to make something of himself this was the place to do it. "This is the mecca of wrestling. Every wrestler dreams of appearing at Madison Square Garden. The competition is big here. There are the likes of Prof. Toru Tanaka, Morales, Monsoon, Strongbow, King Curtis, Baron Scicluna, Victor Rivera, just to name a few. The fans make the matches. They know what they want to see. I came here to prove I can beat the best. It is make it or break it for me right here. If I flop then that is the finish to Sonny

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King."

This interview was being conducted in Sonny's hotel room, while in New York. He was listening to his tape cassette before the interview got under way. Music is a hobby with him. He loves it. Frank Sinatra and Rod McKuen are two favorites for the evening. While in his dressing room he listens to Aretha Franklin and Lou Rawls most of the time. His tastes vary. Music relaxes him. It makes him loose and ready to wrestle."

Sonny started to pack his suitcase. He showed his several ponchos he wears at different times in the ring. His several pairs of wrestling shoes each of a different color, with either his initials or the peace sign on them. He has matching trunks for each poncho and wrestling shoes.

Sonny believes in the peace sign. "That is me. It is what is happening now. I'm now. In the ring I do my job. I don't look for trouble. Sometimes you have to fight to attain peace."

Sonny's debut at Madison Square Garden was a highly successful one. He teamed up with Gorilla Monsoon to defeat Jim Valiant and Ernie Ladd. Sonny was a big hit that night. Sonny has no need to worry. He will be a big star. The fans are with him. Sonny is on his way up.

As the interview ended I was leaving. Sonny smiled and made the V sign. He said, "Peace and Victory". Yes, that is Sonny King . . .

THE END

GEORGIANN ORSI'S
WHAT YOU WANT TO KNOW

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great chance of being the next Woman's World Champion. Marv considers Viv the best in the country. Vivian has some real nice things to say about Bruno Sammartino. She considers him the best in the world of wrestling.

Three deaths have hit the wrestling world within the past month or so. All the wrestlers died of heart attacks. Luis Hernandez died while in Japan on tour. Luther Lindsay (real name – Luther Jacob Goodall) 46, had just won a 10 minute match against Bobby Paul at the Charlotte Park Center; he had won with a diving belly flop – he died victorious. He was rushed to the hospital but announced dead on arrival. Luther was born in Gibsonville, N.C.; he played football for Norfolk State. The wrestling world is very saddened at the loss of these great men. But it saddens this writer even more to see that the newspapers never give wrestling the coverage that it deserves, sometimes after a show they *don't* even list the results. The newspapers are very cruel to wrestlers and are always knocking wrestling, until a wrestler dies then he gets a nice editorial. Why can't they give wrestling a nice write-up before a tragedy occurs? It isn't fair. WRESTLING is just as great if not better than baseball, football, roller derby, horse racing, etc. Come on, editors get to those typewriters and cover wrestling the way you should!!!!!

I want to thank Charles Gembski of Box 325, Chambersburg, Pa. 17201 for his letter and newspaper clipping. Charles feels the same as I, that the papers, local radio and TV stations don't mention enough about wrestling as they should. No one mentioned the passing of the late, great Rudy Dusek, until sports editor Shirley Povich in a Philadelphia newspaper. Rudy and his three brothers were about the dirtiest wrestlers in history but they were all great wrestlers and beat many good men. They were brutes in the ring, but outside they were gentlemen. The headline of Mrs. Povich's article read

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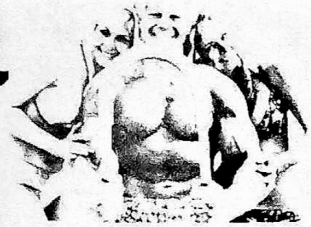

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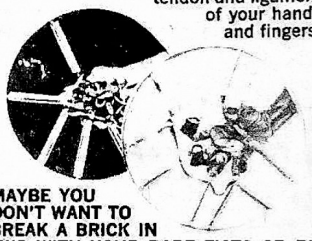

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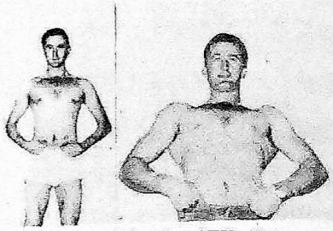

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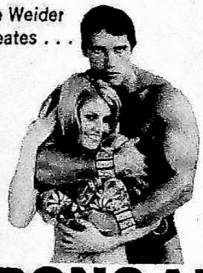

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Recently Hardboiled Haggerty appeared on TV again. This time as a professional boxer Killer Gorilla Gorman on the James Garner show called *Nichols.* Haggerty of course was triumphant over Nichols; Nichols wound up with the measles. It was a real cute show.

The big upset on the East Coast was when King Curtis and Baron Scicluna defeated Karl Gotch and Rene Goulet in Philadelphia for the Tag-Team belts. It was the first time since Antonio Pugliese and Spiros Arion had the belts that a title match was won on TV.

Another Tag-Team title have changed hands. The A.W.A. tag-team champs Red Bastien and The Crusher lost their belts to Ray Stevens and Nick Bockwinkel in Denver, Colorado before 5,894 screaming fans.

Wrestler Louie Tillet was in top form at the Burdine's Invitational Pro golf tournament at the Doral Country Club shooting under par. Louie also played in the Jackie Gleason tournament and several other big golf classics coming up soon.

THE END

KILLER KOWALSKI:

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that it wasn't worth jeopardizing his future for a few months. People like this don't like to travel and this is the same kind of reply which I have received from other wrestlers in different countries."

Once inside the ring, this soft spoken giant turns into one of the most feared men in wrestling. As the time was approaching for his upcoming match in the Cobo arena, Killer Kowalski's thoughts turned away from his many travels to his match.

He remained quiet for a few minutes, mentally outlining his plan of attack for his next victim. Then he began to pace back and forth as he grew restless awaiting the start of his match.

When Kowalski was asked what holds he considered to be his favorites he replied, "the Claw hold. I have been very successful at it as I have subdued many an opponent by using it. I learned the hold during one of my first tours of Japan. It was taught to me by one of the wrestlers over there. I also use the Atomic Knee Drop with which I have hurt quite a few wrestlers when I jump off the ropes and land on them across their collar bone or chest. When you have 270 pounds coming down from a height of four feet, you have to expect to get hurt." Kowalski paused and then stated, "They usually don't get up after that."

It was time for Kowalski's match. As soon as Kowalski strolled into the view of the fans, he looked as if he were a changed man. His features were hard and as he strolled down the aisle he walked with an air of confidence. He shoved booing fans aside and he shouted defiance at anyone who would dare challenge him. Once inside the ring, he terrorized his poor hapless victim and came out on top after a little more than four minutes.

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THE END

Georgiann Orsi's FAN–O–RAMA

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three eight cents stamps or 50 cents plus an eight cent stamp for those desiring delivery by third class mail. The first issue was really very good. Don't miss it!

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Don Freedman of 66 The Village Green, Williamsville, N.Y. 14221 has informed me that he has had to discontinue his PRO WRESTLING MONTHLY.

I received a note from Harold L. Atzinger of 19 Old Manor Road, Hazlet, New Jersey 07730 saying he is starting a Fan Club for SONNY KING. But I received no permission slip, and I know two friends of mine also want to start a club for SONNY. Please keep me posted on further developments.

Thanks you Stuart Saks of 14 Mitchell Avenue, Plainview, N.Y. 11803 for another great issue of WRESTLING RESULTS. 35 cents each, 3 for $1.00 or 6 for $2.00. The coverage on the results is really great. New York, Los Angeles, Philadelphia, Boston, and Australia.

I want to thank Joe Combs – P.O. Box 152, Miami Shores, Florida 33153 for his recent issue "The Main Event", THE LOUIS TILLET FAN CLUB.

Stan Galanski, editor of WRESTLING ACTION of 302 West Cherry Street, New Castle, Pa. 16102 has sent along another issue. Published twice a month for a mere 30 cents plus two 8 cent stamps.

Received a lovely letter from Brian Bukantis editor of ARENA. You may contact Brian at Post Office Box 61, Fraser, Michigan 48026. ARENA is published twice monthly, in conjunction with the wrestling cards at Cobo Hall. ARENA deals mainly with Detroit and Michigan wrestling news, but do feature news from other spots that the readers will find of interest. The publication sells for 50 cents per copy, six issues for $2.75 and twelve issues for $5.00. Brian sells ARENA in front of Cobo Arena before each show, you may also obtain a copy there. Don't miss this really grrrrreat magazine!

Tim Johnson of 160 Buffalo Street, Jamestown, New York 14701 publishes a three page weekly newsletter WRESTLING WEEKLY which is solely dealing with news from Ontario area and National Wrestling Federation area, which sells for 35¢. Very shortly Tim will be coming out with WRESTLING BI-WEEKLY which will sell for 50¢ plus two 8 cent stamps. Also a special about 30 pages long will be out for 75¢ plus 18¢ postage that we urge all fans to get. Tim needs correspondents from Hawaii, British Columbia, Calgary and Montreal. Also to receive a new and revised list of photo's available (NO SAMPLE!) clippings, results and autographs (three pages) send along an

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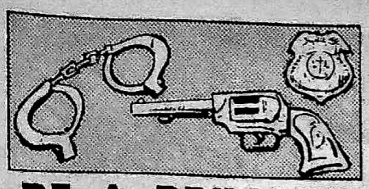

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Joe E. Pinzker of 3012 North New England, Chicago, Illinios 60634 is very interested in corresponding from all over the world. Especially interested in getting correspondents from Louisiana, Kentucky, Tennessee and Oklahoma.

Chester J. Gembski of P.O. Box 325, Chambersburg, Pa. 17201 is seeking a picture either 4x5 or 5x7 of Wladek Zbyszko, rated by many as the greatest wrestler of all time.

From now on, anyone wanting to have their photo service listed must send at least two photo samples along with their photo list. I will *not* list anyone who is selling another photographer's pictures; this is not fair. Also in a month or so I will list the photographers pictures as excellent, fair, good, and poor. So you know what you're sending for. I also need to know how much the photos are being sold for.

I want to thank Frank May of 32 Benton Street, Dunkirk, New York 14048 for his photo list and sample photo of Antonio Parisi which was very good. Frank's photo's are colored 3½x3½ which sell for 3 for $1.00 plus postage. Most of photo's are the Cleveland and Buffalo wrestlers. Send a S.A.S.E. for free list.

Also want to thank Dan Westbrook of 21834 Grace Avenue, No. 45, Carson, California 90745 for his excellent colored photo of Freddie Blassie, Baba in action and the fabulous photo's of Mil Mascaras. Send for your photo list. Don't forget the eight cent stamp.

Don Freedman of 66 The Village Green, Williamsville, N.Y. 14221 is selling his colored photo's 3½x3½. For his list and a sample send 30 cents, choose from Tony Marino, Curry, Funk, Brisco, DeNucci plus many others. Thank you Don for the sample of Igor Vodik.

George Campbell of P.O. Box 142, Rockville Center, N.Y. 11570 is interested in buying, selling, trading back issues of all kinds of wrestling magazines. Also wants to hear from fans interested in attending or helping to organize a wrestling collector's convention in New York City.

Larry Dimery, Jr. of 1905 Davidson Avenue, Bronx, N.Y. 10453 is interested in trading colored photo's from all around the world. Larry has started a PHOTO & PROGRAM FAN CLUB. The fans will receive weekly a photo & program for 50¢ a week or $2.00 a month. I received two very good samples, one of Bulldog Brower and one of Pedro Morales and Miguel Perez. (That's an oldie!)

Gary Silkin of 253 Hillside Avenue, Cranford, New Jersey 07016 sent me two black and white samples, one of Stan Stasiak hung up in ropes, and one of Karl Gotch in action with a Russian. Send an eight cent stamp for his photo list.

Tom Steinberg of 795 Chatham Street, East, Windsor 14, Ontario, CANADA is interested in obtaining Pen Pals.

I want to thank Danny Smith of 1865 Cornelia Street, Queens, New York 11227 for sending me that photo of Jimmy Valiant and myself taken at Sunnyside Gardens. It sure was a great one. Danny has photo's of Valiant, Blassie, Morales, Tyler, etc. also 5x7 and 8x10's. Send a S.A.S.E.

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Jeff Cooper of 2145 W. Arthur, Chicago, Illinois 60645 wants to put out a bulletin called MAT REPORT. It will be bi-monthly about 10 pages, sample copy at 35 cents. Jeff needs correspondents.

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Jody Grueskin of 100 West Stewart Avenue, Sioux City, Iowa 51104 is selling 3½x3½ colored photos, send an eight cent stamp for her list. Thank you for the excellent samples of Ox Baker, Ali Ben Khan, The Great Kusatsu. Also has pics of Parks, Pulaski, Maddog, Miller, Wolf, Claw, etc.

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All the above photographers do excellent photo's. Send for their lists you won't be sorry. Tell them Georgie sent you.

Here are a few last minute additions that need mentioning. Received another fantastic edition of LONE STAR WRESTLING which I love getting from Editor – Ken Taylor of P.O. Box 1567, Irving, Texas 75060. Subscriptions are $5.00 for 12 monthly issues or single copies are available for 50 cents.

I just received THE TAMPA SCENE from editor Scott M. Teal of 3208 23rd Avenue, West, Brandenton, Florida 33505. The monthly publication sells for 35 cents plus an 8¢ stamp or one year – $4.00.

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Den Crossen of 7158 Charles Street, Philadelphia, Pa. 19135 wants to obtain as many photo's of Freddie Blassie as possible.

Received another copy of THE MICHIGAN SCENE from Dave Burzynski of 8294 Olympia, Detroit, Michigan 48214.

Also selling photos – Mike Frost, 415 East 16th Street, Brooklyn, N.Y. 11226.

Larry Pilarski – 116 Clay Street, Pittsburth, Pa. 15215

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THE END

THE CRUSHER:

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such as have been described and many others that ended in riotous "no Contest" decisions it seemed a shame that the Crusher and his partner, Red Bastien, should lose their AWA tag team title. Crusher had been chosen by Bastien in August of 1971 to be his partner after the tragic automobile accident on July 24 had claimed the life of Red's original tag champion partner Hercules Cortez. Crusher had proven to be the right choice as he helped Red hold onto the title against many tough opponents dedicated to taking the title. It all ended on January 20, 1972 in Denver when Nick Bockwinkel kicked Bastien as he was attempting his famous finisher hold, the atomic drop, and with sudden gloom and finality the title changed hands to the unpopular Bockwinkel-Stevens team. Part of the blame for losing the match must be the fact that due to many commitments and lack of tag team opponents, Crusher and Bastien had not been teaming up as often as is really necessary to be the intricate machine that a championship pair must be.

Certainly this does not end or even impair the impact of the Crusher on professional wrestling that he has had in more than 20 years on the scene. Just five nights after losing the tag title, Crusher met Bockwinkel in a no-disqualification match in Moline and in non-typical Bockwinkel style Nick used brassknuckles and bit Crusher's face into a mass of blood. But Crusher fought back and following a barrage of punches pinned his hated opponent. This should not surprise anyone who has seen the abuse Crusher has taken in the past and not let it exhaust him. He is the one wrestler who has withstood Mad Dog Vachon's "pile-

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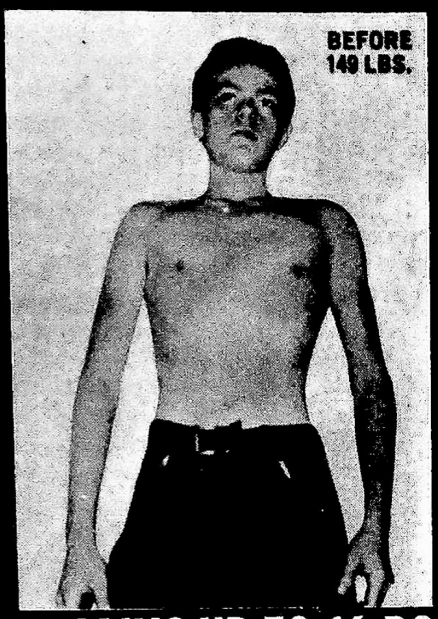

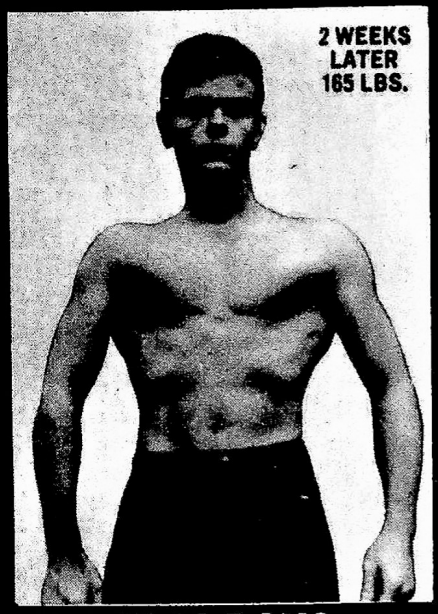

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As great an individual wrestler as he has been in a career that is now in its third decade, he has primarily participated in tag team action. Only in the early 1960s when he was the major threat to take the NWA title away from Buddy Rogers and fought some thrilling matches with Johnny Valentine has he not been considered part of a championship or top-contending tag team.

Now that he no longer is one-half of the tag team champions Crusher may wrestle mainly as a single, but he isn't getting any younger and with his past history of success in tag team warfare chances are he will keep it up and even win another tag team title. Whether it will be with Red Bastien or the Bruiser again, or somebody else remains to be seen.

THE END

PAMPERO FIRPO:

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Pampero is in there.

Pampero would like nothing better than to get a crack at Pedro Morales. He invaded the WWWF area in January. His first opponent at Madison Square Garden was the likeable Manuel Soto. Kicks,

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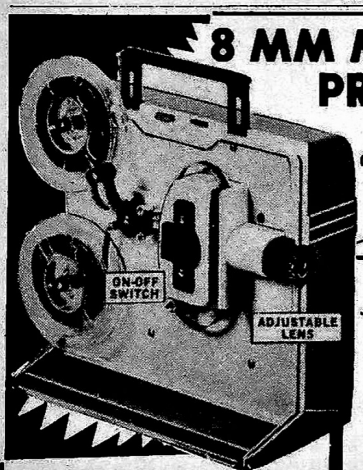

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punches, biting, choking and finally a Bearhug made Soto submit. His next opponent at Madison Square Garden was popular Rene Goulet. He attacked Rene without mercy with the same kind of attack. For the first few minutes Rene took this onslaught and fought back. Yet it was all Firpo's match. Once again it was Firpo's Bearhug that made Rene give in to this submission hold.

Both Rene Goulet and Manuel Soto said he was one of the most vicious wrestlers they have ever been in with. He was pure animal. Firpo could care less what his opponents think. Pampero calls wrestling a man's sport and sissies should get out.

Pampero could care less on who he meets in the ring. The rougher the match the better he likes it. He wants to meet any wrestler regardless of his reputation. He welcomes a match against Pedro Morales. Thinking of such a match, what a brawl that would be! Just imagine it.

THE END

The American National Red Cross

INTERNATIONAL DATELINE

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report on the Continent is limited. A number of the major stars of the Continent are taking part in an International Tournament being held in Japan. European Champion, Horst Hoffman is one, George Gordienko of Canada, Ray Golden Appolon of the West Indies, Jan Buyten of Belgium are among a few of the stars.

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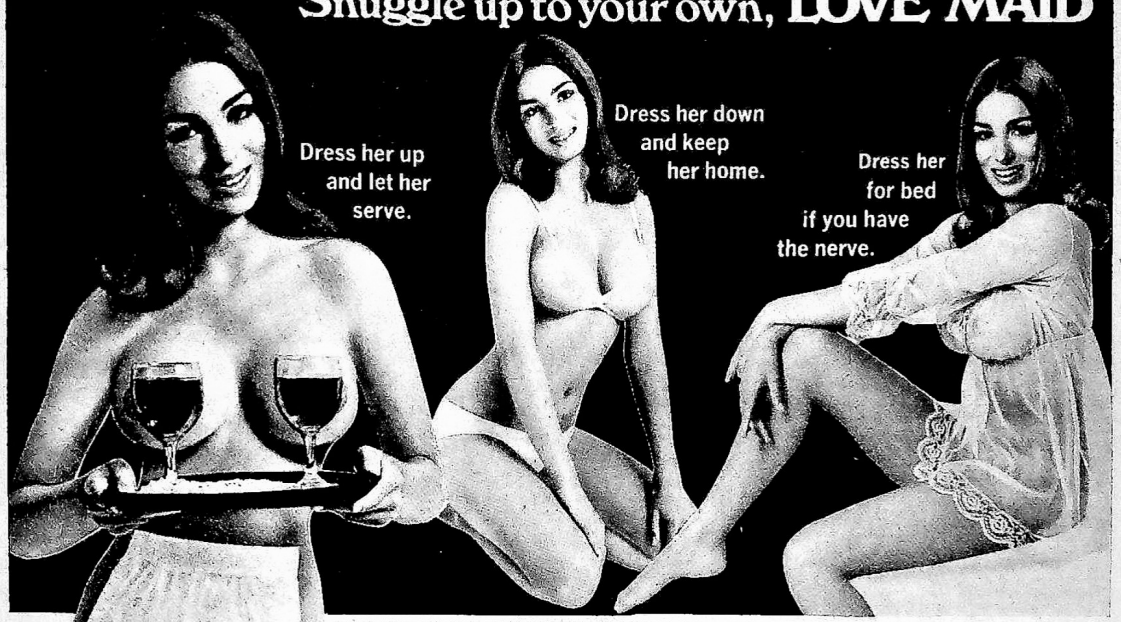

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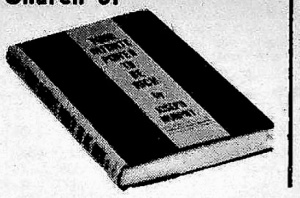

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However, some wrestlers take it on their own to become globe-trotters. Wrestlers like The Destroyer, The Zebra Kid, Mario Milanio, Spiro Arion, Killer Kowalski, Ski Hi Lee, Frank Sexton, and Jack Bence have wrestled in some areas of the world that most major US based wrestlers overlook. These are truly international stars.

Starting with next month's column, I am going to include a profile section on an international wrestling personality. This wrestler may be one that has been in the States or one that may be coming to the states. I am sure that it will be of interest to all readers.

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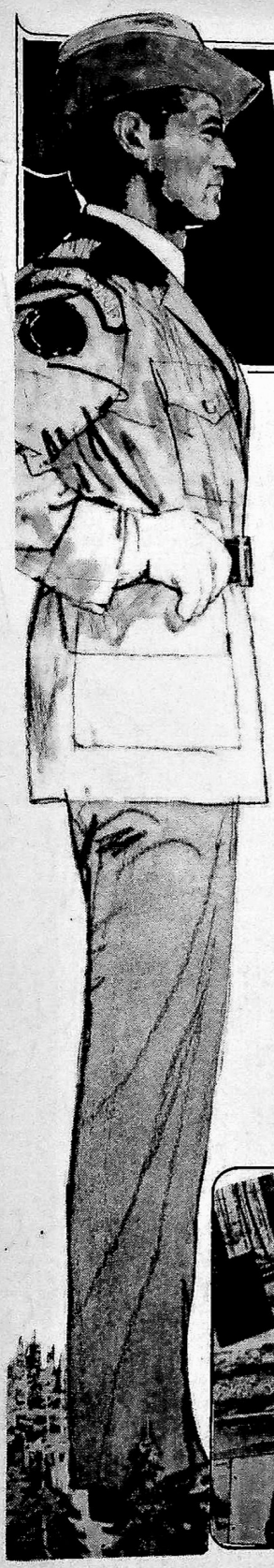

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